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*He misses what is meant by epigram
Who thinks it only frivolous film-flam.*

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INTRODUCTION

What is an epigram? What sets it apart from the quip, the quiddity, the *bon mot*, the *jeu d'esprit*, the retort, the reply courteous, the anecdote, the wisecrack, or the gag? Wits or sages, if indeed they be not the same, of all ages have ventured to identify and isolate the epigram. It is Oscar Levant who has definitively scored it for our time with a fine sensitivity to the fact that stuffing is out of place in a humorist's shirt. By Oscar, "An epigram is a gag that's played Carnegie Hall." It is Bob Hope at Harvard; it is Sinatra singing with the Philharmonic. It is the irreverent leaven of earthy humor, however polished, that keeps the arteries of intellect from hardening.

Let the epigrammatists speak for themselves. An anonymous Latin distich requires that:

Three things must epigrams, like bees, have all,
A sting, and honey, and a body small.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge bears witness:

What is an epigram? a dwarfish whole,
Its body brevity, and wit its soul.

The Oxford Dictionary defines it as (1) an "Epigraph" (or "An inscription; *esp.* one placed upon a building, tomb, statue, etc., to indicate its name or purpose; a legend on a coin"); (2) "A short poem leading up to and ending in a witty or ingenious turn of thought." (3) "A pointed or antithetical saying."

To attempt to assemble a broad collection of epigrams, one must first make up his mind that epigrams are where you find them and what you want them to be. They overlap with many other classifications of the gnomic, or aphoristic, wisdom of the race and no bones about it. They should be brief, but how short is brief? They should be witty, but where does wit begin and end? They should be paradoxical, but one man's paradox is another man's faith. They should be true, but as Pontius Pilate asked . . .

So, if epigrams are so vague and disputatious a form of thought, what good are they? At once everyone with a definition will drop his particular view and rush forward to unite in proving the values that make the epigram one of the most ancient and one of the most modern capsules for ideas.

He misses what is meant by epigram
Who thinks it only frivolous flim-flam.

So says Martial, perhaps the greatest epigrammatist of them all. "An epigram often flashes light into regions where reason shines but dimly." So says the American essayist, E. P. Whipple. Hendrik Willem Van Loon assures us that "Somewhere in the world there is an epigram for every dilemma." But when you are searching for it, cautions C. W. Thompson, remember that, "No epigram contains the whole truth." In fact, many of the best epigrams aren't true.

This book attempts to present a sampling of the epigram from Martial to Mizner, from Heraclitus to Hope. It contains the greater part of the rich body of Greek and Roman epigrams, excluding only such as were of too narrowly local interest and a substantial number that are unprintable. Here it might as well be noted that the *risqué* or the downright bawdy are elements which have been and remain of the essence of the best in epigrammatic tradition. The form is inevitably inclined toward irreverence, deflation, and cynicism.

Those unfamiliar with them are urged to pay special attention to the Greek and Roman epigrams. Some are so short and sharp as to hit home at once. Many, however, require one to get the hang of them. In general, the classicists are an acquired taste but they are easier to take than olives and better when you get to like them. Try it. You will find them, among other things, past masters of the gentle arts of insult and abuse.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO USE THIS BOOK? You will use it, with its wide breakdown under subject headings and its extensive cross-reference, to supercharge your conversation, your speeches, or your writings at the right time. It can serve you as a spear or a shield, as a clincher or as an opener. The conversational adversary whom you fell with a good epigram will never rise again.

Whatever your own capacities as a wit, this book has a usefulness for you. If you are yourself "witty and the cause of wit in others" it will sharpen, refresh, remind and divert you. If you are not yourself witty, or if you are a mere fledgling at the art, remember, with Bovée, that "The next best thing to being witty one's self, is to be able to quote another's wit." This, in itself, requires some ability and is a recognized credit to a man's discrimination. "Next to the originator of a good sentence," says Emerson, broadening out the idea, "is the first quoter of it."

Another challenge is offered to the ingenious user of this material, one which is indeed a kind of school or whetstone for wit. This is the task of *adaptation* of the material. The potentialities of this process render this collection virtually the ultimate of possible wit in the sense that a dictionary is the ultimate in possible literature, *if you use the words*.

Change these epigrams around forty ways from Sunday. Make them your own. That is the whole of originality, anyhow. Lowell notes that:

Though old the thought and oft exprest,
'Tis his at last who says it best.

Take these epigrams, change the subjects or objects which you find in them and let them fit your purpose of the moment. The fact that many of them are paradoxical contains a clue to this process. A paradox is a kind of reverse twist rendering the outcome of a thought otherwise than that which was expected at the outset. True or false, when you find it you can twist it once more, forwards or backwards, and lo, it will be either a new epigram or a mess. If it's a mess, don't use it.

This may be illustrated by a flash of genius with which the famed agnostic, Robert Ingersoll, took the old saw, "An honest man is the noblest work of God" and brought it forth as "An honest God is the noblest work of man."

This, of course, is a reverse of meaning and, in a sense, a change, or switch of subject. For a simple switch of subject, easy to manage, let us start with the comment which might be aptly used in the fevered arguments now raging about the nature of the peace which is to follow World War II: "To be enduring, a peace must be endurable." We could readily

switch this to, "To be enduring, a marriage must be enduringable."

The switch can be done on your feet if you're sure-footed. Paul Bourget ventured an epigram to the effect that "When an American has nothing else to do he can always spend a few years trying to discover who his grandfather was." Mark Twain made the heroic retort, "And when all other interests fail for a Frenchman, he can always try to find out who his father was."

Discretion should be applied, however, in the use of epigrams. They are edge tools and are not to be used by fools and children. You can commit a kind of conversational suicide with them as well as do a murder.

Always use your own brains first. To rely indiscriminately upon epigrams will take the life out of the spoken or written word. Think out what you are saying. Use the epigram *thoughtfully*, not as a shortcut to avoid thought. We might attempt a "switcheroo" with Shakespeare and caution, "O God! that men should put an epigram in their mouths to steal away their brains!" It is wisely said, "Enough wit places one above his equal; too much of it lowers him to the rank of mere entertainer."

Here they are, then, some five thousand of them, more or less. In any case, enough, for as Martial says, "No amount of misfortune will satisfy the man who is not satisfied with reading a hundred epigrams." If your own favorite is left out, we must ask forgiveness. It is impossible to include all and there are many that would have appeared had we thought of them or succeeded in finding them. A scrupulous effort has been made to be correct and complete in making attributions. If errors have occurred, or if some one or two epigrams, which are well known to be the words of this or that individual, have been listed as anonymous, it is by accident and with the editor's apologies.

Acknowledgment is necessary of the indispensable and patient spadework done by Bertha Krantz and Nathan Ausubel. It is their book, too.

Edmund Fuller

New York

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The epigrams in this book are classified according to subject and numbered for cross-reference. The subjects are in alphabetical order. An index of subjects will be found at the back of the book. The key numbers are not for the purpose of counting but of locating. In order to keep the book from being frozen by reference numbers it was necessary to break their numerical sequence, leaving "expansion joints." The practice has been followed, at the end of each category, of advancing the numbers to begin the next category with the next decade—thus a 7 to 11, a 16 to 21, a 45 to 51. This has made it editorially practical to readjust and perfect this book up to the last minute. It will permit the expansion of further editions without disrupting the entire editorial organization. It is suggested that the constant user may also avail himself of the opportunity to make his own up-to-date supplementary collection of epigrams, using the blank numbers to correlate it with the material in this book—a uniquely useful device.

If you want to find an epigram on any subject turn to that subject. You will find there a number of epigrams from which to choose. In addition to this you will find, at the end of the group, a list of Related Subjects. One or more of these may guide you to what you are seeking. Also, at the end of almost every group, you will find a list headed See Also. These represent specific epigrams pertaining to the subject at hand but listed under other headings for more direct meanings. Thus, No. 254: "Choler hates a counsellor," is listed under Anger but is referred to as a See Also under Advice.

The same reference system applies to the separately classified collection of Toasts, beginning on page 329.

Finally, read the Introduction: it will help you to get the greatest service and enjoyment from this book.

A

ACTION

- 1 Better to sink beneath the shock
Than moulder piecemeal on the rock. —Byron
- 2 The best way to keep good acts in memory is to refresh them with
new. —Cato
- 3 We should pray with as much earnestness as those who expect every-
thing from God ; we should act with as much energy as those who
expect everything from themselves. —Colton
- 4 We are taught by great actions that the universe is the property of
every individual in it. —Emerson
- 5 A man's action is only a picture book of his creed. —Emerson
- 6 Every noble activity makes room for itself. —Emerson
- 7 The materials of action are variable, but the use we make of them
should be constant. —Epictetus
- 8 Adventure is not outside a man ; it is within. —David Grayson
- 9 Our acts our angels are, or good or ill,
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still. —John Fletcher
- 10 Action is the proper fruit of knowledge. —Thomas Fuller
- 11 A man of action, forced into a state of thought, is unhappy until he
can get out of it. —Galsworthy
- 12 An ounce of performance is worth more than a pound of preachment.
—Elbert Hubbard
- 13 Positive anything is better than negative nothing. —Elbert Hubbard
- 14 The great end of life is not knowledge, but action. —T. H. Huxley
- 15 We would often be ashamed of our finest actions if the world under-
stood all the motives which produced them. —La Rochefoucauld
- 16 Although men flatter themselves with their great actions, they are
usually the result of chance and not of design. —La Rochefoucauld

- 17 The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.
—*Locke*
- 18 Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.
—*Lowell*
- 19 Execute every act of thy life as though it were thy last.
—*Marcus Aurelius*
- 20 Ah! Valere, all men say the same thing to women; all are alike in their words; their actions only show the difference that exists between them.
—*Molière*
- 21 Stability itself is nothing else than a more sluggish motion.
—*Montaigne*
- 22 Life is act, and not to do is death.
—*Lewis Morris*
- 23 Inactivity is death.
—*Mussolini*
- 24 Dreams grow holy put in action.
—*Adelaide Procter*
- 25 Only actions give to life its strength, as only moderation gives it its charm.
—*J. P. Richter*
- 26 Action is eloquence.
—*Shakespeare*
- 27 Count that day lost whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand no worthy action done.
- 28 Actions speak louder than words.
- 29 Actions speak louder than words—but not so often.
- 30 Actions are the insipid reflections of our motives.
- 31 The draft that blows out a match makes a furnace burn better, and what prostrates a coward excites a brave man to action.
- 32 The acts of this life are the destiny of the next.
- 33 Amongst other advantages: a rolling stone gathers no moss.

SEE ALSO

Desire 1532

Experience 2002

Sin 5066

RELATED SUBJECTS

Decision

Deeds

Work

ACTORS

- 41 An actor is a sculptor who carves in snow.
—*Lawrence Barrett*
- 42 To see Kean act was like reading Shakespeare by flashes of lightning.
—*Coleridge*
- 43 Let him who plays the monarch be a king;
Who plays the rogue, be perfect in his part.
—*Erskine*

- 44 The actor who took the role of King Lear played the king as though he expected someone to play the ace. —*Eugene Field*
- 45 Our Garrick's a salad ; for in him we see Oil, vinegar, sugar and saltiness agree. —*Goldsmith*
- 46 On the stage he was natural, simple, affecting, 'Twas only when he was off, he was acting. —*Goldsmith*
- 47 Actors are the only honest hypocrites. —*Hazlitt*
- 48 At the Academy Award Dinners all the actors and actresses in Hollywood gather around to see what someone else thinks about their acting besides their press agents. —*Bob Hope*
- 49 It sure has been a pleasure for us to broadcast for the sailors and soldiers ; besides, it's part of the National Defense Program to prepare our boys for anything. —*Bob Hope*
- 50 Some of the greatest love affairs I've known have involved one actor —unassisted. —*Wilson Mizner*
- 51 Bores to themselves, to others *caviare*. —*Phaedrus*
- 52 The stock actor is a stage calamity. —*Bernard Shaw*
- 53 Foote from this earthly stage, alas ! is hurled ; Death took him off, who took off all the world.

SEE ALSO

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 Courtesy 1119
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RELATED SUBJECTS

Art
 Theater

ADMIRATION

- 61 All things are admired either because they are new or because they are great. —*Bacon*
- 62 A fool always finds a greater fool to admire him. —*Boileau*
- 63 Distance is a great promoter of admiration ! —*Diderot*
- 64 Admiration begins where acquaintance ceases. —*Johnson*
- 65 There is an admiration which is the daughter of knowledge. —*Joubert*
- 66 We always love those who admire us, and we do not always love those whom we admire. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 67 Yet let not each gay turn thy rapture move ;
 For fools admire, but men of sense approve. —*Pope*
- 68 Admiration and familiarity are strangers. —*George Sand*

- 69 Admiration is the daughter of ignorance.

SEE ALSO

Character 693

Vanity 5633

Wickedness 5823

RELATED SUBJECTS

Fame

Flattery

Greatness

Praise

ADVERTISING

- 71 Advertising is the mouthpiece of business. —*James R. Adams*
- 72 You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements. —*Norman Douglas*
- 73 If you don't advertise yourself you will be advertised by your loving enemies. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 74 Publicity eliminates pretense. The faker cannot work in a club. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 75 The sign brings customers. —*La Fontaine*
- 76 One-third of the people in the United States promote, while the other two-thirds provide. —*Will Rogers*
- 77 We are advertis'd by our loving friends. —*Shakespeare*
- 78 Emerson's remark that the landscape belongs to the man who looks at it was made a long time before billboards became rampant.
- 79 Samson had the right idea about advertising. He took two columns and brought down the house.
- 80 Sales resistance is the triumph of mind over matter.
- 81 Hark! the herald angels sing,
Beecham's Pills are just the thing;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
Two for man and one for child.

SEE ALSO

News 4174

RELATED SUBJECT

Business

ADVICE

- 91 We give advice by the bucket, but take it by the grain. —*W. R. Alger*
- 92 The worst men often give the best advice. —*Philip J. Bailey*
- 93 *Advice*: the smallest current coin. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- 94 He loves who advises. —*Burton*
- 95 Good but rarely came from good advice. —*Byron*

- 96 Advice is seldom welcome; and those who want it the most always like it the least. —*Chesterfield*
- 97 Nobody can give you wiser advice than yourself. —*Cicero*
- 98 Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind. —*Coleridge*
- 99 To profit from good advice requires more wisdom than to give it. —*Churton Collins*
- 100 To ask advice is in nine cases out of ten to tout for flattery. —*Churton Collins*
- 101 When we feel a strong desire to thrust our advice on others, it is usually because we suspect their weakness; but we ought rather to suspect our own. —*C. C. Colton*
- 102 We ask advice, but we mean approbation. —*C. C. Colton*
- 103 When Thales was asked what was difficult, he said, "To know one's self." And what was easy, "to advise another." —*Diogenes Laertius*
- 104 No vice is so bad as advice. —*Marie Dressler*
- 105 They first condemn that first advis'd the ill. —*Dryden*
- 106 He that won't be counselled can't be helped. —*Franklin*
- 107 Good counsel failing men can give, for why?
He that's aground knows where the shoal doth lie. —*Franklin*
- 108 He who will not answer to the rudder, must answer to the rocks. —*Hervé*
- 109 Advice is offensive—it shows us that we are known to others as well as to ourselves. —*Johnson*
- 110 Nothing is given so profusely as advice. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 111 Ask a woman's advice, and whate'er she advise,
Do the very reverse and you're sure to be wise. —*Thomas Moore*
- 112 It is the part of a fool to give advice to others and not himself to be on his guard. —*Phaedrus*
- 113 Be niggards of advice on no pretence,
For the worst avarice is that of sense. —*Pope*
- 114 It is bad advice that cannot be altered. —*Publilius Syrus*
- 115 Many receive advice, few profit by it. —*Publilius Syrus*
- 116 To one who knows, it is superfluous to give advice; to one who does not know, it is insufficient. —*Seneca*

- 135 A man is as old as he's feeling,
A woman as old as she looks. —*Mortimer Collins*
- 136 Antiquity is the aristocracy of history. —*Dumas*
- 137 We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count.
—*Emerson*
- 138 One of the many things nobody ever tells you about middle age is
that it's such a nice change from being young.
—*Dorothy Canfield Fisher*
- 139 They say women and music should never be dated. —*Goldsmith*
- 140 To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful
than to be forty years old. —*O. W. Holmes*
- 141 The Grecian ladies counted their age from their marriage, not
their birth. —*Homer*
- 142 The best of friends fall out, and so
His teeth had done some years ago. —*Thomas Hood*
- 143 Old men are only walking hospitals. —*Horace*
- 144 Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is the youth of old age.
—*Victor Hugo*
- 145 Whenever a man's friends begin to compliment him about looking
young, he may be sure that they think he is growing old.
—*Washington Irving*
- 146 Age is the most terrible misfortune that can happen to any man;
other evils will mend, this is every day getting worse.
—*George James*
- 147 No man is so old but thinks he may yet live another year.
—*St. Jerome*
- 148 Women's hell is old age. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 149 You give your cheeks a rosy stain,
With washes dye your hair,
But paint and washes both are vain
To give a youthful air. —*Lucianus*
- 150 Why, Thais, do you constantly call me old? No one, Thais, is too
old for some things. —*Martial*
- 151 You ask, Matrinia, whether I can love an old woman. I can, even
an old woman. But you are not an old woman; you are a corpse.
—*Martial*
- 152 If a man of many years prays Zeus still for more,
Answer, Zeus, his vow by granting another score. —*Nenecrates*

- 153 Beauty and ugliness disappear equally under the wrinkles of age;
one is lost in them, the other hidden. —*Petit-Senn*
- 154 From forty to fifty a man is at heart either a stoic or a satyr.
—*Pinero*
- 155 One is always of his age and especially he who least appears so.
—*Sainte-Beuve*
- 156 The young man who has not wept is a savage, and the old man who
will not laugh is a fool. —*Santayana*
- 157 Crabbed age and youth cannot live together,
Youth is full of pleasure, age is full of care. —*Shakespeare*
- 158 Old men are dangerous: it doesn't matter to them what is going to
happen to the world. —*Bernard Shaw*
- 159 That sign of old age, extolling the past at the expense of the
present. —*Sydney Smith*
- 160 No man loves life like him that's growing old. —*Sophocles*
- 161 Deaf, giddy, helpless, left alone,
To all my friends a burden grown;
No more I hear my church's bell
Than if it rang out for my knell;
At thunder now no more I start
Than at the rumbling of a cart;
And, what's incredible, alack!
No more I hear a woman's clack. —*Swift, about himself*
- 162 Old men must die, or the world would grow mouldy, would only
breed the past again. —*Tennyson*
- 163 He that is not handsome at twenty, nor strong at thirty, nor rich
at forty, nor wise at fifty, will never be handsome, strong, rich,
or wise.
- 164 Man knows his age; woman computes hers.
- 165 Man has reached middle age if he can't repeat his follies with
impunity; woman, with grace.
- 166 Women never refer to their age until it would be wiser to ignore it.
- 167 With a little practice any woman can remain thirty years old.
- 168 Man is old when he begins to hide his age; woman, when she be-
gins to tell hers.
- 169 Religion often gets credit for curing rascals when old age is the
real medicine.
- 170 Old men become frolicksome, that is their second childhood;

middle-aged women become naive—one might suspect them of second virginity.

- 171 Antiquity cannot privilege an error, nor novelty prejudice a truth.
 172 An old goat is never the more reverend for his beard.
 173 Wrinkles are the deathbed wherein women bury their illusions.
 174 When an old man frolics, he flirts with ridicule.
 175 A woman is no older than she looks.

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Death 1325

Love 3711

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Children

Time

Youth

AIM

- 181 If I shoot at the sun I may hit a star. —*P. T. Barnum*
 182 What I aspired to be,
 And was not, comforts me. —*Browning*
 183 'Tis not what man Does which exalts him, but what man Would
 do! —*Browning*
 184 Perhaps the reward of the spirit who tries
 Is not the goal but the exercise. —*E. V. Cooke*
 185 Ambition aspires to descend. —*Corneille*
 186 Ambition is like love, impatient both of delays and rivals.
 —*Denham*
 187 Look not too high,
 Lest a chip fall in your eye. —*Dykes*
 188 When a man is no longer anxious to do better than well, he is
 done for. —*Haydon*
 189 What we earnestly aspire to be, that in some sense we are.
 —*Anna Jameson*
 190 Ambition is but avarice on stilts and masked. —*Landor*
 191 They make glorious shipwreck who are lost in seeking worlds.
 —*Lessing*
 192 When a man imagines, even after years of striving, that he has
 attained perfection, his decline begins. —*Theodore Martin*

- 193 Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.
—*Michelangelo*
- 194 The mere aspiration is partial realization. —*Anna Cora Mowatt*
- 195 It is more important to know where you are going than to get there quickly. Do not mistake activity for achievement.
—*Mabel Newcomber*
- 196 To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life. —*Stevenson*
- 197 The world will never disarm until disambitioned.
- 198 Devotion to duty is a fire that warms us but worldly ambition is a fire that consumes us.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Character
Competition
Deeds
Purpose

AMERICA

- 201 I am willing to love all mankind, except an American. —*Johnson*
- 202 The United States never lost a war or won a conference.
—*Will Rogers*
- 203 America is one long expectation. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 204 Americanism consists in utterly believing in the principles of America.
—*Woodrow Wilson*
- 205 The early North American Indian made a great mistake by not having an immigration bureau.
- 206 Immigration is the sincerest form of flattery.
- 207 The fault in aliens is that those easiest to exploit are hardest to assimilate.

SEE ALSO

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Democracy
Patriotism

ANCESTORS

- 211 The pride of ancestry increases in the ratio of distance.
—*G. W. Curtis*
- 212 Prodigious actions may as well be done,
By weaver's issue, as by prince's son.
—*Dryden*

- 213 Every man is an omnibus in which his ancestors ride.
—*O. W. Holmes*
- 214 My nobility begins in me, but yours ends in you.
—*Iphicrates to Harmodius*
- 215 Ah, sir, I know nothing about it; I am my own ancestor. —*Junot*
- 216 I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be. —*Lincoln*
- 217 The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato—the only good belonging to him is underground. —*Thomas Overbury*
- 218 It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors. —*Plutarch*
- 219 I didn't come on the wrong side of the blanket. —*Smollett*
- 220 Each has his own tree of ancestors, but at the top of all sits Probably Arboreal. —*Stevenson*
- 221 Nothing like blood, sir, in hosses, dawgs, and men. —*Thackeray*
- 222 Whoever serves his country well has no need of ancestors.
—*Voltaire*
- 223 You should study the Peerage . . . It is the best thing in fiction the English have ever done. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 224 They that on glorious ancestors enlarge
Produce their debt instead of their discharge. —*Young*
- 225 You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.
- 226 Send your noble blood to market and see what it will buy.
- 227 Generations are needed to make a gentleman; mere circumstances make a lady.
- 228 Great birth is a very poor dish at table.
- 229 He that boasteth of his ancestors, confesseth he hath no virtue of his own.
- 230 So yourself be good, a fig for your grandfather.
- 231 The younger brother is the ancients gentleman.
- 232 From our ancestors come our names; but from our virtues our honors.
- 233 Gentility without ability is worse than plain beggary.

234 A man can't very well make for himself a place in the sun if he keeps continually taking refuge under the family tree.

235 A man who boasts only of his ancestors confesses that he belongs to a family that is better dead than alive.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Courtier
Family

ANGER

241 'Tis said that wrath is the last thing in a man to grow old.
—*Alcaeus*

242 Anger makes dull men witty, but it keeps them poor. —*Bacon*

243 Never forget what a man says to you when he is angry.
—*H. W. Beecher*

244 An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eyes. —*Cato*

245 Whenever you are angry, be assured that it is not only a present evil, but that you have increased a habit. —*Epictetus*

246 The worst tempered people I've ever met were people who knew they were wrong. —*Wilson Mizner*

247 An angry man is again angry with himself, when he returns to reason. —*Publilius Syrus*

248 The anger of lovers renews the strength of love. —*Publilius Syrus*

249 Anger wishes all mankind had only one neck; love, that it had only one heart. —*J. P. Richter*

250 Epileptics know by signs when attacks are imminent and take precautions accordingly; we must do the same in regard to anger.
—*Seneca*

251 When angry, count four; when very angry, swear. —*Mark Twain*

252 He is a fool who cannot be angry; but he is a wise man who will not.

253 Two things a man should never be angry at; what he can help, and what he cannot help.

254 Choler hates a counsellor.

255 Anger punishes itself.

256 Anger makes a rich man hated, and a poor man scorned.

RELATED SUBJECTS
Contempt
Fight

Insults
Quarrel
Soldiers

ARCHITECTURE

- 261 Old houses mended,
Cost little less than new before they're ended. —*Colley Cibber*
- 262 Too many stairs and backdoors make thieves and whores.
—*Balthazar Gerbier*
- 263 Architecture is frozen music.
—*Goethe*
- 264 To build is to be robbed.
—*Johnson*
- 265 Architecture is the work of nations.
—*Ruskin*
- 266 To build many houses is the readiest road to poverty.
- 267 Building is a sweet impoverishing.

RELATED SUBJECT
Art

ART

- 271 The little dissatisfaction which every artist feels at the completion
of a work forms the germ of a new work. —*Auerbach*
- 272 Art is man's nature ; nature is God's art. —*Philip J. Bailey*
- 273 Art is choice. —*Bezard*
- 274 I must confess, mine eye and heart
Dote less on Nature than on Art. —*Catullus*
- 275 Art is limitation ; the essence of every picture is the frame.
—*Chesterton*
- 276 Emotion resulting from a work of art is only of value when it is
not obtained by sentimental blackmail. —*Jean Cocteau*
- 277 When a work of art appears to be in advance of its period, it is
really the period that has lagged behind the work of art.
—*Jean Cocteau*
- 278 Too nicely, Jonson knew the critic's part ;
Nature in him was almost lost in Art. —*Churton Collins*
- 279 There are only two styles of portrait painting, the serious and the
smirk. —*Dickens*
- 280 A photograph is a portrait painted by the sun. —*Dupins*
- 281 In the vaunted works of Art,
The master-stroke is Nature's part. —*Emerson*
- 282 Art is the surest and safest civilizer. —*Charles B. Fairbanks*
- 283 Nothing so resembles a daub as a masterpiece. —*Paul Gauguin*

- 284 A highbrow is the kind of person who looks at a sausage and thinks
of Picasso. —*A. P. Herbert*
- 285 Art is the only thing on earth, except holiness. —*J. K. Huysmans*
- 286 Only God Almighty makes painters. —*Sir Godfrey Kneller*
- 287 Menodotis's portrait here is kept;
Most odd it is
How very like to all the world,
Except Menodotis. —*Leonidas of Alexandria*
- 288 You see these fish carved finely in relief by Phidian art? Add
water; they will swim. —*Martial*
- 289 The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection.
—*Michelangelo*
- 290 There are three arts which are concerned with all things; one
which uses, another which makes, a third which imitates them.
—*Plato*
- 291 A room hung with pictures is a room hung with thoughts.
—*Joshua Reynolds*
- 292 When love and skill work together expect a masterpiece. —*Ruskin*
- 293 What garlic is to salad, insanity is to art. —*Homer Saint-Gaudens*
- 294 An artist may visit a museum, but only a pedant can live there.
—*Santayana*
- 295 Every time I paint a portrait I lose a friend. —*John Sargent*
- 296 More matter with less art. —*Shakespeare*
- 297 Painting is silent poetry, and poetry is painting with the gift of
speech. —*Simonides*
- 298 To sit for one's portrait is like being present at one's own creation.
—*Alexander Smith*
- 299 Good painting is like good cooking: it can be tasted, but not ex-
plained. —*Vlaminck*
- 300 An artist's sphere of influence is the world. —*Carl von Weber*
- 301 An artist's career always begins tomorrow. —*Whistler*
- 302 Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the
artist, not of the sitter. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 303 In art I pull no high-brow stuff,
I know what I like, and that's enough. —*William W. Woolcott*

- 304 Art is life seen through a temperament. —*Emile Zola*
 305 To stone the gods have changed her—but in vain;
 The sculptor's art gave her to breath again. —*On a statue of Niobe*
 306 Take a quart of nature, boil it down to a pint, and the residue is
 art.
 307 All works of art are the autobiographies of liars.
 308 He that lives with the muses shall die in the straw.
 309 An artist lives everywhere.
 310 The perfection of art is to conceal art.
 311 Art helps nature, and experience art.
 312 A gilded frame makes a good picture in the eyes of nearly all the
 world.
 313 No man is his craft's master the first day.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Actors

Architecture

Beauty

Criticism

Literature

Music

Poetry

Theater

ATHEISM

- 321 The fool hath said in his heart,
 There is no God. —*Bible*
 322 Nobody talks so constantly about God as those who insist that
 there is no God. —*Heywood Broun*
 323 An atheist's laugh's a poor exchange
 For Deity offended! —*Burns*
 324 Atheism is the last word of theism. —*Heine*
 325 Regius maintains that there are no gods and that heaven is unoccu-
 pied. His evidence in favor of atheism is that he is a prosperous
 man. —*Martial*
 326 A man cannot become an atheist merely by wishing it. —*Napoleon*
 327 By night an atheist half believes a God. —*Young*
 328 Some are atheists only in fair weather.

- 329 An atheist is one point beyond the devil.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Belief
Christianity
Church
Doubt
Faith
God
Religion

AUTOMOBILES

- 331 The Ford car is Henry Ford done in steel, and other things.
—*Samuel S. Marquis*
- 332 Reckless automobile driving arouses the suspicion that much of the horse sense of the good old days was possessed by the horse.
- 333 Too often a grade crossing is the meeting place of headlights and light heads.
- 334 The fool that used to blow out the gas now steps on it.
- 335 All the pedestrians ask is a little more cooperation between horsepower and horse sense.
- 336 The reason there were fewer wrecks in the old horse-and-buggy days was because the driver didn't depend wholly on his own intelligence.

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RELATED SUBJECT
Travel

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BEAUTY

- 341 Personal beauty is a greater recommendation than any letter of introduction.
—*Aristotle*
- 342 There are no ugly women; there are only women who do not know how to look pretty.
—*Antoine P. Berryer*
- 343 'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view,
And robes the mountain in its azure hue.
—*Campbell*
- 344 Beauty without grace pleases, but does not captivate, being like bait without a hook.
—*Capiton*
- 345 The expression a woman wears on her face is far more important than the clothes she wears on her back.
—*Dale Carnegie*

- 346 It matters more what's in a woman's face than what's on it.
—*Claudette Colbert*
- 347 Cheerfulness and content are great beautifiers, and are famous preservers of youthful looks.
—*Dickens*
- 348 Lovely female shapes are terrible complicators of the difficulties and dangers of this earthly life, especially for their owner.
—*George Du Maurier*
- 349 Truth, and goodness, and beauty are but different faces of the same all.
—*Emerson*
- 350 It is the soundness of the bones that ultimates itself in the peach-bloom complexion.
—*Emerson*
- 351 He thought it happier to be dead,
To die for beauty, than live for bread.
—*Emerson*
- 352 If eyes were made for seeing,
Then Beauty is its own excuse for being.
—*Emerson*
- 353 In beauty, faults conspicuous grow;
The smallest speck is seen on snow.
—*John Gay*
- 354 Beauty is eternity gazing at itself in a mirror.
—*Kahlil Gibran*
- 355 The rose's prime lasts one brief hour of morn,
That past, I find no rose—only a thorn.
—*Greek Epigram*
- 356 I cannot spare the luxury of believing that all things beautiful are what they seem.
—*Fitz-Greene Halleck*
- 357 There are beautiful flowers that are scentless, and beautiful women that are unlovable.
—*Houillé*
- 358 Not only does beauty fade, but it leaves a record upon the face as to what became of it.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 359 That which is striking and beautiful is not always good; but that which is good is always beautiful.
—*Ninon de l'Enclos*
- 360 Nycilla dyes her locks, 'tis said,
But 'tis a foul aspersion;
She buys them black, they therefore need
No subsequent immersion.
—*Lucilius*
- 361 Thais's teeth are black, Laecania's white. Why? Laecania bought hers, Thais's are her own.
—*Martial*
- 362 You are pleasing when felt. You are pleasing when heard. If not seen, you are altogether pleasing. If seen, you please in no way whatever.
—*Martial*
- 363 When you try to conceal your wrinkles, Polla, with paste made from beans, you deceive yourself, not me. Let a defect, which is

possibly but small, appear undisguised. A fault concealed is presumed to be great. —*Martial*

364 Philaenis always weeps with one eye. "How is this?" you ask.
She has only one. —*Martial*

365 Do you wish me, Fabullus, to tell you in few words how ugly
Philaenis is with her one eye? Philaenis would be better looking
with no eye at all. —*Martial*

366 Your friends, Fabulla, either are
Old cronies or beldames uglier far:
These frumps you trot around with you
To parties, plays, and galleries too:
And so, my dear, such hags among
You look quite pretty and quite young. —*Martial*

367 In Tibur's sun, the nut-brown maid was told,
Ivory grows white though yellow turned and old.
Thither she hies her, but ere long comes back
(So strong the upland air) not blonde, but black. —*Martial*

368 On Dora's brow the flower may fade
The garland may decay:
But she herself, the sweetest flower,
Blooms fresher day by day. —*Meleager*

369 How does he know I have a hump?
He has never seen my back.
—*Duke Francois Henri de Montmorency-Bouteville*

370 My only books
Were woman's looks,
And folly's all they've taught me. —*Moore*

371 Cleopatra's nose: had it been shorter, the whole aspect of the
world would have been altered. —*Pascal*

372 If to her share some female errors fall,
Look on her face, and you'll forget 'em all. —*Pope*

373 If she undervalue me,
What care I how fair she be? —*Walter Raleigh*

374 One may live without bread, not without roses. —*Jean Richepin*

375 Beauty provoketh thieves sooner than gold. —*Shakespeare*

376 Mollis abuti
Has an acuti;
No lasso finis,
Molli divinis. —*Swift*

- 377 'Tis hard with respect to Beauty, that its possessor should not have
a life-enjoyment of it, but be compelled to resign it after, at the
most, some forty years' lease. —*Thackeray*
- 378 The perception of beauty is a moral test. —*Thoreau*
- 379 What a strange illusion it is to suppose that beauty is goodness!
A beautiful woman utters absurdities: we listen, and we hear
not the absurdities but wise thoughts. —*Tolstoi*
- 380 Those who find beautiful meanings in beautiful things are the cul-
tivated. For these there is hope. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 381 Beauty is worse than wine; it intoxicates both the holder and the
beholder. —*Zimmerman*
- 382 A woman's beauty is not a gift to man—only a bribe.
- 383 Perfect beauty is always cold; only touches of the commonplace add
warmth to it.
- 384 Beauty skins deep.
- 385 Blind men's wives need no paint.
- 386 If all the world were ugly, deformity would be no monster.
- 387 When the candles are out all women are fair.
- 388 Beauties without fortunes have sweethearts plenty, but husbands
none at all.
- 389 Beauty may have fair leaves, yet bitter fruit.
- 390 She who is born a beauty is half married.
- 391 Beauty without virtue is a curse.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Art

Flattery

Vanity

Women

BED

- 401 No civilized person ever goes to bed the same day he gets up.
—*Richard Harding Davis*
- 402 In bed we laugh, in bed we cry,
And born in bed, in bed we die;
The near approach a bed may show
Of human bliss to human woe. —*Johnson*

- 403 Whoever thinks of going to bed before twelve o'clock is a scoundrel.
—*Johnson*
- 404 The bed comprehends our whole life, for we were born in it, we
live in it, and we shall die in it. —*Maupassant*
- 405 To go to bed after midnight is to go to bed betimes.—*Shakespeare*
- 406 All that are in a bed must not have quiet rest.
- 407 Age and wedlock bring a man to his nightcap.
- 408 If a bed would tell all it knows, it would put many to the blush.
- 409 Bed is a medicine.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Sickness

Sleep

BEE

- 411 No good sensible working bee listens to the advice of a bedbug on
the subject of business. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 412 That which is not good for the swarm, neither is it good for the
bee. —*Marcus Aurelius*
- 413 A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay but a swarm in
July is not worth a fly.
- 414 The bee, from her industry in the summer, eats honey all the
winter.
- 415 Bees that have honey in their mouths have stings in their tails.
- 416 Honey is sweet, but the bee stings.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Nature

Work

BEGGING

- 421 The petition of an empty hand is dangerous. —*John of Salisbury*
- 422 Better a living beggar than a buried emperor. —*La Fontaine*
- 423 Beggar that I am, I am even poor in thanks. —*Shakespeare*
- 424 Beggars mounted run their horse to death. —*Shakespeare*
- 425 Neither beg of him who has been a beggar, nor serve him who has
been a servant.
- 426 Give a beggar a bed and he'll repay you with a louse.
- 427 Better to die a beggar than live a beggar.

- 428 Beggars can never be bankrupts.
 429 Beggars fear no rebellion.
 430 Begging a courtesy is selling liberty.
 431 Beggars breed and rich men feed.
 432 I am unable, yonder beggar cries,
 To stand, or go;—if he says true, he lies.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Borrowing
 Charity
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 Poverty

BELIEF

- 441 A belief is not true because it is useful. —*Amiel*
 442 Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. —*Bible*
 443 There is no unbelief;
 Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod,
 And waits to see it push away the clod,
 Trusts in God. —*Bulwer-Lytton*
 444 He who does not believe that God is above all is either a fool or
 has no experience of life. —*Caecilius Statius*
 445 Men freely believe that which they desire. —*Julius Caesar*
 446 Alas, the fearful Unbelief is unbelief in yourself. —*Carlyle*
 447 In politics, as in religion, we have less charity for those who believe
 the half of our creed, than for those who deny the whole of it.
 —*C. C. Colton*
 448 A man must not swallow more beliefs than he can digest.
 —*Havelock Ellis*
 449 We are born believing. A man bears beliefs, as a tree bears apples.
 —*Emerson*
 450 A little credulity helps one on through life very smoothly.
 —*Mrs. Gaskell*
 451 Credulity is the man's weakness, but the child's strength. —*Lamb*
 452 Credulity is the common failing of inexperienced virtue; and he
 who is spontaneously suspicious may justly be charged with radi-
 cal corruption. —*Johnson*
 453 Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know. —*Montaigne*

454 Infidelity does not consist in believing or in disbelieving: it consists in professing to believe what one does not believe.

—*Thomas Paine*

455 I know of a charm by way of a prayer that will preserve a man from the violence of guns and all manner of fire-weapons and engines, but it will do me no good because I do not believe it.

—*Rabelais*

456 Creeds grow so thick along the way,
Their boughs hide God.

—*Lizette W. Reese*

457 Tell that to the marines—the sailors won't believe it. —*Scott*

458 You believe that easily which you hope for earnestly.—*Terence*

459 While men believe in the infinite, some ponds will be thought to be bottomless. —*Thoreau*

460 The temerity to believe in nothing.

—*Turgenev*

461 Orthodoxy is my doxy—heterodoxy is another man's doxy.

—*William Warburton*

462 Better believe it than go where it was done to prove it.

463 He does not believe that does not live according to his belief.

464 He that believes all, missest; he that believes nothing, hits not.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Atheism

Conviction

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BLUSHING

471 Once he (Diogenes) saw a youth blushing, and addressed him, "Courage, my boy! that is the complexion of virtue."

—*Diogenes Laertius*

472 A blush is no language; only a dubious flag-signal which may mean either of two contradictories.

—*George Eliot*

473 The blush is beautiful, but it is sometimes inconvenient.—*Goldoni*

474 Men blush less for their crimes than for their weaknesses and vanity.

La Bruyère

475 Innocence is not accustomed to blush.

—*Molière*

476 He blushes: all is safe.

—*Terence*

- 477 Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.—*Mark Twain*
 478 The man that blushes is not quite a brute. —*Young*

479 To blush at vice shows the world you are ashamed of it.

480 Better a blush in the face than a spot in the heart.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Chastity

Coquetry

Decency

Modesty

Virtue

BODY

481 The body is but a pair of pincers set over a bellows and a stewpan
 and the whole fixed upon stilts. —*Samuel Butler*

482 Most of the people who came for dancing lessons had Rhumba am-
 bitions and minuet bodies. —*Bobe Hope*

483 This body is my house—it is not I:
 Triumphant in this faith I live and die.
 —*Frederic Lawrence Knowles*

484 Body and spirit are twins: God only knows which is which.
 —*Swinburne*

485 Every man is the builder of a temple, called his body.—*Thoreau*

486 The body is the socket of the soul.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Health

Sickness

BOOKS

491 If bread be what you seek, O little mice,
 Go to some other shelf, is my advice;
 But if upon my books you whet a tooth,
 Your revel you shall rue in bitter truth. —*Ariston*

492 The printing-press is either the greatest blessing or the greatest
 curse of modern times, one sometimes forgets which.
 —*J. M. Barrie*

493 Where is human nature so weak as in the book-store?
 —*H. W. Beecher*

494 Books are embalmed minds. —*C. N. Bovée*

495 If the whole be greater than a part, a whole man must be greater
 than that part of him which is found in a book.—*Bulwer-Lytton*

- 496 Through and through the inspired leaves,
Ye maggots make your windings;
But, oh, respect his lordship's taste,
And spare the golden bindings! —Burns
- 497 'Tis pleasant, sure, to see one's name in print;
A book's a book, although there's nothin' in 't. —Byron
- 498 There are books of which the backs and covers are by far the best
parts. —Dickens
- 499 Many thanks; I shall lose no time in reading your book.
—Disraeli, to an Author who had sent him a book
- 500 If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what
books he reads. —Emerson
- 501 Every book is a quotation. —Emerson
- 502 I would define a book as a work of magic whence escape all kinds
of images to trouble the souls and change the hearts of men.
—Anatole France
- 503 I wrote a book when impotent to fight a battle.
—Francesco D. Guerrazzi
- 504 He might be a very clever man by nature for aught I know, but he
laid so many books upon his head that his brains could not move.
—Robert Hall
- 505 Half of your book is to an index grown;
You give your book *contents*, your reader none. —Hannay
- 506 The readers and the hearers like my books,
But yet some writers cannot them digest;
But what care I? for when I make a feast
I would my guests should praise it, not the cooks.
—Sir John Harrington, after Martial
- 507 No gentleman can be without three copies of a book: one for show,
one for use, and one for borrowers. —Richard Heber
- 508 You can cover a great deal of country in books. —Andrew Lang
- 509 For people who like that kind of a book—that is the kind of book
they will like. —Lincoln, on being asked for an opinion
- 510 There are excellent bits here, you'll find,
And bits of a so-and-so kind.
Still more than the latter
Are bad bits—no matter!
A book is of all sorts combined. —Martial
- 511 'Tis easy to write epigrams nicely but to write a book is hard.
—Martial

- 512 A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life. —*Milton*
- 513 Retirement without the love of letters is a living burial. —*Seneca*
- 514 A best-seller is the gilded tomb of a mediocre talent.
—*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 515 Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all. —*Thoreau*
- 516 Man builds no structure which outlives a book. —*E. F. Ware*
- 517 Camerado, this is no book,
Who touches this touches a man. —*Whitman*
- 518 We go to a book as Narcissus went to the fountain, see ourselves therein, and are enamored.

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BORES

- 521 *Bore, n.* A person who talks when you wish him to listen.
—*Ambrose Bierce*
- 522 Society is now one polish'd horde,
Formed of two mighty tribes, the *Bores* and *Bored*. —*Byron*
- 523 His room is better than his company. —*Robert Greene*
- 524 Out of sight, out of mind: this may run right;
For all be not in mind that be in sight. —*Heywood*
- 525 He is not only dull himself, but the cause of dullness in others.
—*Johnson*
- 526 Perhaps no man ever thought a line superfluous when he wrote it.
We are seldom tiresome to ourselves. —*Johnson*
- 527 We often forgive those who bore us but we cannot forgive those
whom we bore. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 528 Got the ill name of augurs, because they were bores. —*Lowell*
- 529 The basic fact about human existence is not that it is a tragedy, but
that it is a bore. —*Mencken*
- 530 A prating barber asked Archelaus how he would be trimmed. He
answered, "In silence." —*Plutarch*

- 531 I assure you it requires no small talents to be a decided bore.
—*Scott*
- 532 Nature makes a fool; a bore belongs to civilization.
- 533 If the good people have not made the world better, they have surely made it duller.
- 534 Bore: one who is interesting to a point—the point of departure.
- 535 Dullness has depth.
- 536 There is nothing so pathetic as a bore who claims attention—and gets it.

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Conceit
Conversation
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Speeches

BORROWING

- 541 Be not made a beggar by banqueting upon borrowing.—*Apocrypha*
- 542 The borrower is servant to the lender.
—*Bible*
- 543 If you would know the value of money, go try to borrow some; for he that goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing.
—*Franklin*
- 544 Th' feller that calls you "brother" generally wants something that don't belong to him.
—*Kin Hubbard*
- 545 He who prefers to give to Linus the half of what he wishes to borrow, rather than to lend him the whole, prefers to lose only the half.
—*Martial*
- 546 I have bought a property in the country for a good round sum, Caecilianus, and ask you to lend me a thousand. Won't you give me an answer? I fancy from your silence you are saying, "You won't pay it back." That is just why I am asking for it, Caecilianus.
—*Martial*
- 547 Let us all be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with.
—*Artemus Ward*
- 548 The man who never lends money never has many friends. Also, he doesn't need them.

RELATED SUBJECTS
Begging
Credit
Debt
Money

BREVITY

- 551 For brevity is very good,
Where we are, or are not understood. —*Samuel Butler*
- 552 Let thy speech be short, comprehending much in few words.
—*Ecclesiasticus*
- 553 There is need of brevity, that the thought may run on.—*Horace*
- 554 But what is the use of brevity, tell me, when there is a whole book
of it? —*Martial*
- 555 As man is now constituted, to be brief is almost a condition of being
inspired. —*Santayana*
- 556 Since brevity is the soul of wit,
And tediousness the limbs and outward flourishes,
I will be brief. —*Shakespeare*
- 557 Be brief; for it is with words as with sunbeams, the more they are
condensed the deeper they burn. —*Southey*
- 558 Not that the story need be long, but it will take a long while to
make it short. —*Thoreau*

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Epigrams
Wit

BUSINESS

- 561 Christmas is over and Business is Business. —*F.P.A.*
- 562 The market is the place set apart where men may deceive each
other. —*Anacharsis*
- 563 The playthings of our elders are called business. —*St. Augustine*
- 564 Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly in the distance,
but to do what lies clearly at hand. —*Carlyle*
- 565 Without some dissimulation no business can be carried on at all.
—*Chesterfield*
- 566 Promptness is the soul of business. —*Chesterfield*
- 567 Business will be either better or worse. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- 568 A business with an income at its heels
Furnishes always oil for its own wheels. —*Cowper*
- 569 Here's the rule for bargains:
"Do other men, for they would do you." —*Dickens*
- 570 Never shrink from anything which your business calls you to do.
The man who is above his business may one day find his business
above him. —*Daniel Drew*

- 571 Business? It's quite simple. It's other people's money.
—*Dumas the Younger*
- 572 A business, like an automobile, has to be driven, in order to get results.
—*B. C. Forbes*
- 573 No nation was ever ruined by trade.
—*Franklin*
- 574 Where wealth and freedom reign contentment fails,
And honor sinks where commerce long prevails. —*Goldsmith*
- 575 The firm is really ahead of the times. It has a stock market ticker that prints its reports on thin aspirins.
—*Bob Hope*
- 576 Big business makes its money out of by-products.—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 577 The merchant has no country.
—*Jefferson*
- 578 Talk of nothing but business, and despatch that business quickly.
—*Aldus Manutius*
- 579 Business is a combination of war and sport. —*André Maurois*
- 580 It is easy to escape from business, if you will only despise the rewards of business.
—*Seneca*
- 581 Of all the damnable waste of human life that ever was invented, clerking is the very worst.
—*Bernard Shaw*
- 582 He had talents equal to business, and aspired no higher.
—*Tacitus*
- 583 When two men in a business always agree, one of them is unnecessary.
—*William Wrigley, Jr.*
- 584 Go to your business, pleasure, whilst I go to my pleasure, business.
—*William Wycherley*
- 585 It is not the crook in modern business that we fear, but the honest man who doesn't know what he is doing. —*Owen D. Young*
- 586 A handful of trade is a handful of gold.
- 587 Trade is the mother of money.
- 588 A merchant's happiness hangs upon chance, winds, and waves.
- 589 Trade knows neither friends nor kindred.
- 590 Men that have much business must have much pardon.
- 591 He that thinks his business below him will always be above his business.
- 592 Boldness in business is the first, second, and third thing.
- 593 He who findeth fault meaneth to buy.

- 594 It is a bad bargain, where both are losers.
- 595 Make every bargain clear and plain
That none may afterwards complain.
- 596 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
- 597 In business the man who engages in the most adventures is surest to come out unhurt.

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CAT

- 601 Those who'll play with cats must expect to be scratched.
—*Cervantes*
- 602 The Cat in Gloves catches no Mice.
—*Franklin*
- 603 There are more ways of killing a cat than choking her with cream.
—*Kingsley*
- 604 When I play with my cat, who knows whether I do not make her
more sport than she makes me?
—*Montaigne*
- 605 When the cat's away the mice will play.
- 606 When all candles be out all cats be grey.
- 607 Keep no more cats than will catch mice.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Dogs

Nature

CAUTION

- 611 Confident because of our caution.
—*Epictetus*

- 612 When the cup is full, carry it even. —*Scotch Proverb*
 613 'Tis better to bear the ills we have
 Than fly to others that we know not of. —*Shakespeare*
 614 The early worm should read the proverbs.
 615 He that a watch would carry, this must do,
 Pocket his watch, and watch his pocket too.
 616 Consideration gets as many victories as rashness loses.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Conservative

Discretion

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CENSORSHIP

- 621 She flays with indignation haughty
 The passages she thinks are naughty,
 But reads them *carefully* so that
 She'll know what to be angry at. —*Edward Anthony*
 622 Pontius Pilate was the first great censor and Jesus Christ the first
 great victim of censorship. —*Ben Lindsey*
 623 Why have you come into my show, austere Cato? Pray, did you
 walk in merely for the purpose of walking out? —*Martial*
 624 Censorship ends in logical completeness when nobody is allowed
 to read any books except the books nobody can read.
 —*G. B. Shaw*
 625 Damn all expurgated books, the dirtiest book of all is the ex-
 purgated book. —*Whitman*

RELATED SUBJECTS

Books

Criticism

Dictators

Liberty

Literature

CHANCE

- 631 Chance is a nickname of Providence. —*De Chamfort*
 632 Work and acquire, and thou hast chained the wheel of Chance.
 —*Emerson*
 633 Chance fights ever on the side of the prudent. —*Euripides*
 634 Chance is perhaps the pseudonym of God when He did not want
 to sign. —*Anatole France*

- 635 Chances rule men and not men chances. —*Herodotus*
 636 He is no wise man that will quit a certainty for an uncertainty.
 —*Johnson*
 637 The only certainty is that nothing is certain. —*Pliny the Elder*
 638 All chance, direction, which thou canst not see. —*Pope*
 639 Chance is a name for our ignorance. —*Leslie Stephens*
 640 He who trusts all things to chance, makes a lottery of his life.
 641 A wise man turns chance into good fortune.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Danger
 Fortune
 Gambling
 Judgment
 Luck
 Opportunity

CHANGE

- 651 He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils.
 —*Bacon*
 652 The world is a scene of changes; to be constant in nature were
 inconstancy. —*Cowley*
 653 Matters change and morals change; men remain. —*Galsworthy*
 654 All change is not growth; as all movement is not forward.
 —*Ellen Glasgow*
 655 What I possess I would gladly retain
 Change amuses the mind, yet scarcely profits. —*Goethe*

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Caution
 Compromise
 Habit
 Revolution

CHARACTER

- 661 In all thy humors, whether grave or mellow,
 Thour't such a touchy, testy, pleasant fellow,
 Hast so much wit and mirth and spleen about thee,
 There is no living with thee, nor without thee. —*Addison*
 662 The tragedy of a man who has found himself out.—*J. M. Barrie*
 663 No author ever drew a character consistent to human nature, but
 he was forced to ascribe to it many inconsistencies.
 —*Bulwer-Lytton*

- 664 Character must be kept bright, as well as clean. —*Chesterfield*
- 665 I am not concerned that I have no place,
I am concerned how I may fit myself for one,
I am not concerned that I am not known,
I seek to be worthy to be known. —*Confucius*
- 666 Every woman's man and every man's woman.
—*Curio, of Julius Caesar*
- 667 Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.
—*Emerson*
- 668 And what is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not been discovered.
—*Emerson*
- 669 A character is like an acrostic—read it forward, backward, or across, it still spells the same thing. —*Emerson*
- 670 Character is that which can do without success. —*Emerson*
- 671 A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.—*Emerson*
- 672 You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one. —*Froude*
- 673 Our opinion of people depends less upon what we see in them, than upon what they make us see in ourselves. —*Sarah Grand*
- 674 The goal of evolution is self-conquest. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 675 If men could only know each other, they would never either idolize or hate. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 676 He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.
—*David Hume*
- 677 To be capable of respect is almost as rare as to be worthy of it.
—*Joubert*
- 678 You'll never plumb the Oriental mind,
And if you did, it isn't worth the toil. —*Kipling*
- 679 Many men, suspected of being good fellows, have, when the evidence was summed up, proved an alibi. —*R. G. Knowles*
- 680 It is often temperament which makes men brave and women chaste.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 681 Even when the bird walks we see that he has wings. —*Lemoine*
- 682 Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing. —*Lincoln*
- 683 Circumstances are the rulers of the weak; they are but the instruments of the wise.
—*Samuel Lover*

- 684 The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out. —*Macaulay*
- 685 You often ask me, Priscus, what sort of man I should be, if all of a sudden I became rich and powerful. Do you think that anybody can tell you what his future character will be? Tell me, if you became a lion, what sort of lion would you be? —*Martial*
- 686 With red hair, a black face, a cloven foot, and blear eyes, you show the world a prodigy, Zoilus, if you are an honest man.—*Martial*
- 687 You wish to appear, Cotta, a pretty man and a great man at one and the same time: but he who is a pretty man, Cotta, is a very small man. —*Martial*
- 688 Your face is black, your hair like flame,
And one eye's damaged, one foot lame:
If, still, you're quite a decent chap—
Well, 'tis a feather in your cap. —*Martial*
- 689 A handsome person, with perverted will,
Is a fine craft that's handled without skill. —*Menander*
- 690 He who attends to his greater self becomes a great man, and he who attends to his smaller self becomes a small man.—*Mencius*
- 691 No one but yourself knows whether you are cowardly and cruel, or loyal and devout; others do not see you; they surmise you by uncertain conjectures; they perceive not so much your nature as your art. —*Montaigne*
- 692 Everyone can play the mummer's part, and represent an honest personage on the stage; but inwardly, within his own bosom, where all is permitted us, where all is concealed, to keep a duel role there, that's the point. —*Montaigne*
- 693 Few men have been admired by their own domestic servants. —*Montaigne*
- 694 Character is what you are in the dark. —*Dwight L. Moody*
- 695 Some lives are like an ebbing tide in a harbor; the farther they go out, the more mud they expose. —*Austin O'Malley*
- 696 All the world is queer save thee and me, and even thou art a little queer. —*Robert Owen*
- 697 Character is much easier kept than recovered. —*Thomas Paine*
- 698 Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and the angels know of us. —*Thomas Paine*
- 699 The fate of all extremes is such:
Men may be read, as well as books, too much. —*Pope*

- 700 It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are.
—*Publilius Syrus*
- 701 A man never shows his own character so plainly as by the way he
portrays another's.
—*J. P. Richter*
- 702 They say best men are moulded out of faults;
And, for the most, become much more the better
For being a little bad.
—*Shakespeare*
- 703 Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie,
Which we ascribe to Heaven.
—*Shakespeare*
- 704 It is safest to be moderately base—to be flexible in shame, and to
be always ready for what is generous, good, and just, when any-
thing is to be gained by virtue.
—*Sidney Smith*
- 705 Put more trust in nobility of character than in an oath. —*Solon*
- 706 The fox changes his fur, but not his habits. —*Suetonius*
- 707 Fame is what you have taken,
Character's what you give;
When to this truth you waken,
Then you begin to live.
—*Bayard Taylor*
- 708 Occasions do not make a man either strong or weak, but they show
what he is.
—*Thomas à Kempis*
- 709 How can we expect a harvest of thought who have not had a seed-
time of character?
—*Thoreau*
- 710 Everyone is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to
anybody.
—*Mark Twain*
- 711 I am as bad as the worst, but thank God I am as good as the best.
—*Whitman*
- 712 Character is a by-product; it is produced in the great manufacture
of daily duty.
—*Woodrow Wilson*
- 713 You can mold a mannerism, but you must chisel a character.
- 714 The strongest woman and the weakest man are about equally mean.
- 715 Little people do not wear well under either extremes of fortune.
- 716 Crows are never the whiter for washing themselves.
- 717 When wealth is lost, nothing is lost;
When health is lost, something is lost;
When character is lost, all is lost!
- 718 An ape is ne'er so like an ape
As when he wears a doctor's cape.

719 When we can no longer blame things on liquor or war's reaction,
we may begin to suspect that human nature itself is a little faulty.

720 Small people never learn to be indifferent; they either envy or pity.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Conscience

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Honor

Purpose

CHARITY

721 He who confers a benefit on anyone loves him better than he is
beloved. —*Aristotle*

722 If you confer a benefit, never remember it; if you receive one, never
forget it. —*Chilon*

723 There is a hook in every benefit, that sticks in his jaws that takes
the benefit, and draws him whither the benefactor will.
—*John Donne*

724 Take egotism out, and you would castrate the benefactors.
—*Emerson*

725 Alas for the rarity
Of Christian charity
Under the sun! —*Thomas Hood*

726 In faith and hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity. —*Pope*

727 To accept a benefit is to sell one's freedom. —*Publilius Syrus*

728 Let him that hath done the good office conceal it; let him that hath
received it disclose it. —*Seneca*

729 He that feeds upon charity has a cold dinner and no supper.

730 Whatever is given to the poor, is laid out of the reach of fortune.

731 The charitable give out at the door and God puts in at the window.

732 Charity and pride have different aims, yet both feed the poor.

733 Charity begins at home, but should not end there.

734 Charity excuseth not cheating.

735 Benefits, like flowers, please most when they are fresh.

736 Charity begins at home and generally dies from lack of out-of-
door exercise; sympathy travels abroad extensively.

- 737 A charitable man is like an apple tree—he gives his fruit and is silent; the philanthropist is like the hen.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Generosity
Gifts
Greed
Kindness
Pity
Selfishness

CHASTITY

- 741 She is chaste who was never asked the question. —*Congreve*
742 Beneath this stone I lie, the famous woman who loosed her zone to one man only. —*Greek Epigram*
743 A woman's chastity consists, like an onion, of a series of coats. —*Hawthorne*
744 A chaste woman ought not to dye her hair yellow. —*Menander*
745 An unattempted woman cannot boast of her chastity.—*Montaigne*
746 If she is chaste when there is no fear of detection, she is truly chaste; she who sins not because she dare not, does the sin.—*Ovid*
747 I will find you twenty lascivious turtles ere one chaste man. —*Shakespeare*
748 Who doth desire that chaste his wife should be,
First be he true, for truth doth truth deserve.—*Sir Philip Sidney*
749 I have been so misused by chaste men with one wife
That I would live with satyrs all my life. —*Anna Wickham*
750 If not chastely, at all events cautiously.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Blushing
Coquetry
Maid
Modesty
Virtue

CHEATING

- 751 The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat oneself. —*Philip J. Bailey*
752 Don't steal; thou'lt never thus compete
Successfully in business. Cheat. —*Ambrose Bierce*
753 'Tis my opinion every man cheats in his way, and he is only honest
who is not discovered. —*Susannah Centlivre*

- 754 Prefer loss before unjust gain; for that brings grief but once; this forever. —*Chilon*
- 755 Hope of ill gain is the beginning of loss. —*Democritus*
- 756 Three things are men most likely to be cheated in, a horse, a wig, and a wife. —*Franklin*
- 757 He who purposely cheats his friend, would cheat his God. —*Lavater*
- 758 He that's cheated twice by the same man is an accomplice with the cheater.
- 759 He that will cheat at play
Will cheat you any way.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Competition
Crime
Deception
Gambling
Honesty

CHILDREN

- 761 I love little children, and it is not a slight thing when they, who are fresh from God, love us. —*Dickens*
- 762 It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself. —*Dickens*
- 763 Childhood has no forebodings; but then, it is soothed by no memories of outlived sorrow. —*George Eliot*
- 764 Infancy is the perpetual Messiah, which comes into the arms of fallen men, and pleads with them to return to paradise. —*Emerson*
- 765 If Nature had arranged that husbands and wives should have children alternatively, there would never be more than *three* in a family. —*Laurence Housman*
- 766 Th' worst feature of a new baby is its mother's singing. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 767 The proper time to influence the character of a child is about a hundred years before he is born. —*Dean Inge*
- 768 Children have more need of models than of critics. —*Joubert*
- 769 There's nothing costs a man less than his son. —*Juvenal*
- 770 'Tis unto children most respect is due. —*Juvenal*

771 The childhood shows the man,
As morning shows the day. *Milton*

772 The only bird that gives the poor a real tumble is the stork.
—Wilson Mizner

773 One of the best things in the world to be is a boy; it requires no experience, but needs some practice to be a good one.
—Charles Dudley Warner

774 A boy has a natural genius for combining business with pleasure.
—Charles Dudley Warner

775 Children begin by loving their parents; as they grow older they judge them; sometimes they forgive them. *—Oscar Wilde*

776 The child is father of the man. *—Wordsworth*

777 A man among children will be long a child, a child among men will be soon a man.

778 Many children, and little bread, is a painful pleasure.

779 Children are certain cares, but uncertain comforts.

780 Children increase the cares of life, but mitigate the remembrance of death.

781 Late children are early orphans.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Family

Father

Mother

CHRISTIANITY

791 Everyone in the world is Christ and they are all crucified.
—Sherwood Anderson

792 A Christian is nothing but a sinful man who has put himself to school to Christ for the honest purpose of becoming better.
—H. W. Beecher

793 Christians and camels receive their burdens kneeling.
—Ambrose Bierce

794 Jesus Christ, the condescension of divinity, and the exaltation of humanity.
—Phillips Brooks

795 The Christian has greatly the advantage of the unbeliever, having everything to gain and nothing to lose.
—Byron

796 The difference between Socrates and Jesus Christ? The great Conscious; the immeasurably great Unconscious.
—Carlyle

797 His Christianity was muscular.
—Disraeli

- 798 The Christian is like the ripening corn; the riper he grows the
more lowly he bends his head. —*Guthrie*
- 799 He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primi-
tive Christianity, will revolutionize the world. —*Franklin*
- 800 Every bird that upwards swings
Bears the Cross upon its wings. —*John M. Neale*
- 801 Take up the cross if thou the crown wouldst gain. —*St. Paulinus*
- 802 All history is incomprehensible without Christ. —*Rénan*
- 803 Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens.
—*Daniel Webster*
- 804 Scratch the Christian and you find the pagan—spoiled.
—*Israel Zangwill*
- 805 The greatest service that could be rendered the Christian peoples
would be to convert them to Christianity.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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Belief
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CHURCH

- 811 Where God hath a temple, the Devil will have a chapel.—*Burton*
- 812 The only place a new hat can be carried into with safety is a church,
for there is plenty of room there. —*Leigh Hunt*
- 813 To be of no church is dangerous. —*Johnson*
- 814 Who builds a church to God, and not to fame,
Will never mark the marble with his name. —*Pope*
- 815 To the Church I once went,
But I grieved and I sorrowed;
For the season was Lent,
And the sermon was borrowed.
- 816 Church-work goes on slowly.
- 817 Many come to bring their clothes to church rather than themselves.
- 818 Bells call others, but themselves enter not into the Church.
- 819 The building of a "sky-scraper church" would seem to be a move
in the right direction.



- 820 "Attend your Church," the parson cries:
 To church each fair one goes;
 The old go there to close their eyes,
 The young to eye their clothes.
- 821 This is God's House; but 'tis to be deplor'd,
 More come to see the house than serve its Lord.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
 Christianity
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CITIES

- 831 New York, the hussy, was taken in sin again! —*Thomas Beer*
- 832 If you would be known, and not know, vegetate in a village; if
 you would know, and not be known, live in a city.—*C. C. Colton*
- 833 A community is like a ship; every one ought to be prepared to take
 the helm. —*Ibsen*
- 834 Cities have always been the fireplaces of civilization, whence light
 and heat radiated out into the dark. —*Theodore Parker*
- 835 What is the city but the people? —*Shakespeare*
- 836 The thing generally raised on city land is taxes.
 —*Charles Dudley Warner*
- 837 A great city is that which has the greatest men and women.
 —*Whitman*
- 838 Broadway is a main artery of New York life—the hardened artery.
 —*Walter Winchell*
- 839 A great city, a great solitude.
- 890 The most dangerous savages live in cities.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
 Architecture
 People
 Society

CIVILIZATION

- 841 The origin of civilization is man's determination to do nothing for
 himself which he can get done for him. —*H. C. Bailey*
- 842 Increased means and increased leisure are the two civilizers of man.
 —*Disraeli*

- 843 The true test of civilization is, not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops, but the kind of man that the country turns out.
—*Emerson*
- 844 A sufficient and sure method of civilization is the influence of good women.
—*Emerson*
- 845 A decent provision for the poor is the true test of civilization.
—*Johnson*
- 846 "Civilization totters," say the pessimists. "But it totters steadily onward," cheerfully respond the men of optimistic mind.
- 847 Civilization is just a slow process of learning to be kind.
- 848 Civilized nations are ones that simply can't endure wrongs or injustice except at home.

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CLEANLINESS

- 851 When a man reproached him (Diogenes) for going into unclean places, he said, "The sun too penetrates into privies, but is not polluted by them."
—*Diogenes Laertius*
- 852 Beauty will fade and perish, but personal cleanliness is practically undying, for it can be renewed whenever it discovers symptoms of decay.
—*W. S. Gilbert*
- 853 Above all things, keep clean. It is not necessary to be a pig in order to raise one.
—*Robert Ingersoll*
- 854 Dirt is not dirt, but only something in the wrong place.
—*Lord Palmerston*
- 855 Cleanliness is next to godliness.
- 856 Cleanliness is next to impossible.
- 857 One keep-clean is better than ten make-cleans.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Habits
Health

CLEVERNESS

- 861 Cleverness is serviceable for everything, sufficient for nothing.
—*Amiel*
- 862 It's clever, but is it art?
—*Kipling*
- 863 It is great cleverness to know how to conceal one's cleverness.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 864 Too clever is dumb.
—*Ogden Nash*
- 865 Clever people needn't be good; they can simulate.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Conversation

Epigrams

Fools

Ignorance

Learning

Speeches

Words

CLOTHES

- 871 It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds.
—*Aesop*
- 872 *Garter*: an elastic band intended to keep a woman from coming out of her stockings and desolating the country.
—*Ambrose Bierce*
- 873 Trust not the heart of that man for whom old clothes are not venerable.
—*Carlyle*
- 874 'Tis the same to him who wears a shoe, as if the whole earth were covered with leather.
—*Emerson*
- 875 Any garment which is cut to fit you is much more becoming, even if it is not so splendid as a garment which has been cut to fit somebody not of your stature.
—*Edna Ferber*
- 876 A sweet disorder in the dress
Kindles in clothes a wantonness.
—*Robert Herrick*
- 877 The style's the man, so books avow;
The style's the woman, anyhow.
—*O. W. Holmes*
- 878 Young Lafe Bud says he allus hates t' git his hair cut cause it makes his hat look so old.
—*Kin Hubbard*
- 879 Legs are staple articles and will never go out of fashion while the world lasts.
—*Jarrett & Palmer*
- 880 Where's the man could ease a heart
Like a satin gown?
—*Dorothy Parker*

- 881 The wasting moth ne'er spoil'd my best array;
The cause was this, I wore it every day. —*Pope*
- 882 The fashion wears out more apparel than the man.—*Shakespeare*
- 883 Through tatter'd clothes small vices do appear;
Robes and furr'd gowns hide all. —*Shakespeare*
- 884 She wears her clothes as if they were thrown on with a pitchfork.
—*Swift*
- 885 Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes. —*Thoreau*
- 886 We are all Adam's children, but silk makes the difference.
- 887 Fond pride of dress is sure a very curse;
Ere fancy you consult, consult your purse.
- 888 Better go to heaven in rags than to hell in embroidery.
- 889 A fop of fashion is the mercer's friend, the tailor's fool, and his
own foe.
- 890 When dressed for the evening, the girls now-a-days
Scarce an atom of dress on them leave;
Nor blame them; for what is an evening dress
But a dress that is suited for Eve?

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Conceit
Extravagance
Modesty
Vanity

COMPETITION

- 891 Anybody can win unless there happens to be a second entry.
—*George Ade*
- 892 The only competition worthy of a wise man is with himself.
—*Washington Allston*
- 893 Thou shalt not covet: but tradition
Approves all forms of competition. —*A. H. Clough*
- 894 It's them as take advantage that get advantage i' this world.
—*George Eliot*
- 895 There is great ability in knowing how to conceal one's ability.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 896 Do unto the other feller the way he'd like to do unto you an' do
it fust. —*E. N. Westcott*

897 Every advantage has its disadvantage.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Business
Difficulty
Money
Opportunity
Work

COMPLAINT

901 Those who do not complain are never pitied. —*Jane Austen*

902 If you know a better 'ole, go to it. —*Bruce Bairnsfather*

903 I hate to be a kicker, I always long for peace,
But the wheel that does the squeaking is the one that gets the
grease. —*Josh Billings*

904 It is a general error to suppose the loudest complainers for the
public to be the most anxious for its welfare. —*Burke*

905 Go not for every grief to the physician, nor for every quarrel to the
lawyer, nor for every thirst to the pot. —*George Herbert*

906 The usual fortune for complaint is to excite contempt more than
pity. —*Johnson*

907 Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am
thankful that thorns have roses. —*Alphonse Karr*

908 Striving to better, oft we mar what's well. —*Shakespeare*

909 Cease to lament for that thou canst not help;
And study help for that which thou lamentst. —*Shakespeare*

910 Discontent is the first step in the progress of a man or a nation.
—*Oscar Wilde*

911 The complaint of the present times is the general complaint of all
times.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Content
Criticism
Disappointment
Excuse
Hardship
Resignation
Weather

COMPROMISE

921 Please all, and you will please none.

—*Aesop*

- 922 Compromise is but the sacrifice of one right or good in the hope of retaining another, too often ending in the loss of both.
—*Tryon Edwards*
- 923 If two people ride the same horse, one must ride behind.
—*Bishop Fowler*
- 924 It is the weak man who urges compromise—never the strong man.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 925 Who seeks to please all men each way,
And not himself offend,
He may begin his work today,
But God knows where he'll end.
—*Rowlands*
- 926 'Tis not so deep as a well, nor so wide as a churchdoor; but 'tis enough, 'twill serve.
—*Shakespeare*
- 927 Your "If" is the only peacemaker; much virtue in "If."
—*Shakespeare*
- 928 A lean compromise is better than a fat lawsuit.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Decision
Diplomacy
Politics
Weakness

CONCEIT

- 931 Much outcry, little outcome.
—*Aesop*
- 932 Conceit is God's gift to little men.
—*Bruce Barton*
- 933 Anybody, providing he knows how to be amusing, has the right to talk about himself.
—*Baudelaire*
- 934 The world tolerates conceit from those who are successful, but not from anybody else.
—*John Blake*
- 935 I winna blaw about mysel,
As ill I like my faults to tell.
—*Burns*
- 936 The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.
—*Carlyle*
- 937 I've never any pity for conceited people, because I think they carry their comfort about with them.
—*George Eliot*
- 938 We reproach people for talking about themselves; but it is the subject they treat best.
—*Anatole France*
- 939 The average man plays to the gallery of his own self-esteem.
—*Elbert Hubbard*

CONSCIENCE

- 961 The disease of an evil conscience is beyond the practice of all the physicians of all the countries in the world. —*Gladstone*
- 962 Conscience: an inner voice that warns us somebody is looking. —*Mencken*
- 963 A New England conscience doesn't keep you from doing anything; it just keeps you from enjoying it. —*Mendell*
- 964 Conscience has no more to do with gallantry than it has with politics. —*Sheridan*
- 965 Conscience is, in most men, an anticipation of the opinion of others. —*Taylor*
- 966 Conscience and cowardice are really the same things.—*Oscar Wilde*
- 967 Conscience makes egotists of us all. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 968 What a pity to be born a rascal and be handicapped by a conscience!
- 969 A guilty conscience flatters the good.

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Gratitude 2612

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Character

Conviction

Help

Hypocrisy

Idealism

Remorse

CONSERVATIVE

- 971 It seems to me a barren thing, this conservatism—an unhappy cross-breed, the mule of politics that engenders nothing. —*Disraeli*
- 972 Men are conservative when they are least vigorous, or when they are most luxurious. —*Emerson*
- 973 The highest function of conservatism is to keep what progressiveness has accomplished. —*R. H. Fulton*
- 974 The only difference between a rut and a grave is their dimensions. —*Ellen Glasgow*
- 975 A conservative is a man who is too cowardly to fight and too fat to run. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 976 A conservative is a man who will not look at the new moon, out of respect for that "ancient institution," the old one. —*Douglas Jerrold*

- 977 Those who first oppose a good work
Seize it and make it their own,
When the corner-stone is laid,
And memorial tablets are erected. —*Edgar Lee Masters*
- 978 No man can be a conservative until he has something to lose.
—*James P. Warburg*
- 979 A true conservative is one who can't see any difference between
radicalism and an idea.
- 980 Conservatives are but men who have learned to love the new order
forced upon them by radicals.
- 981 Conservatism is a state of mind resulting from a good job.
- 982 The most hopeless conservative is the left-over progressive of an
earlier generation.
- 983 There are men so conservative they believe nothing should be done
for the first time.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Caution
Change
Discretion
Excess
Obstinacy
Reform

CONTEMPT

- 991 Wrongs are often forgiven; contempt never. —*Chesterfield*
- 992 He despises men with tenderness. —*Anatole France*
- 993 None but the contemptible are apprehensive of contempt.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 994 If a man sets out to hate all the miserable creatures he meets, he
will not have much energy left for anything else; whereas he can
despise them, one and all, with the greatest ease.
—*Schopenhauer*

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Admiration
Cynicism
Misanthrope
Opinion
Pessimism
Tolerance

CONTENT

- 1001 Content is the philosopher's stone, that turns all it touches into
gold. —*Franklin*

- 1002 There's many a life of sweet content
Whose virtue is environment. —*Walter Learned*
- 1003 The secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you
have, and to be able to lose all desire for things beyond your
reach. —*Lin Yutang*
- 1004 Naught's had, all's spent
Where our desire is got without content. —*Shakespeare*
- 1005 Our idea of a contented man is the one, if any, that enjoys the
scenery along the detour.
- 1006 They need much, whom nothing will content.
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| Wealth 5796 | Resignation |
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CONVERSATION

- 1011 In dinner talk it is perhaps allowable to fling on any faggot rather
than let the fire go out. —*J. M. Barrie*
- 1012 The true spirit of conversation consists in building on another
man's observation, not overturning it. —*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 1013 Never hold anyone by the button, or the hand, in order to be
heard out; for if people are unwilling to hear you, you had
better hold your tongue than them. —*Chesterfield*
- 1014 "My idea of an agreeable person," said Hugo Bohun, "is a per-
son who agrees with me." —*Disraeli*
- 1015 Conversation is an art in which a man has all mankind for com-
petitors. —*Emerson*
- 1016 Next to the originator of a good sentence is the first quoter of it.
—*Emerson*
- 1017 The *faux pas* is repartee which has become accidentally entangled
with *hara-kiri*. —*Jack Goodman and Albert Rice*
- 1018 Monkeys, who very sensibly refrain from speech, lest they should
be set to earn their livings. —*Kenneth Grahame*
- 1019 Quotation is a good thing, there is a community of thought in it.
—*Johnson*
- 1020 The difference between chirping out of turn and a *faux pas* de-
pends on what kind of a bar you're in. —*Wilson Mizner*

- 1021 One of the best rules in conversation is, never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish had been left unsaid. —*Swift*
- 1022 Dinner was made for eatin', not for talkin'. —*Thackeray*
- 1023 War talk by men who have been in a war is always interesting; whereas moon talk by a poet who has not been in the moon is likely to be dull. —*Mark Twain*
- 1024 Lettuce is like conversation; it must be fresh and crisp, so sparkling that you scarcely notice the bitter in it. —*Charles Dudley Warner*
- 1025 Talk to every woman as if you loved her, and to every man as if he bored you, and at the end of your first season you will have the reputation of possessing the most perfect social tact. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 1026 The secret of success in conversation is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.
- 1027 He that converses not, knows nothing.
- 1028 Conversation teaches more than meditation.
- 1029 A single conversation across the table with a wise man is worth a month's study of books.

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Conceit 933, 938

Money 4049

RELATED SUBJECTS

Bores

Speeches

Wit

Words

CONVICTION

- 1031 It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them. —*Alfred Adler*
- 1032 Strong beliefs win strong men, and then make them stronger. —*Walter Bagehot*
- 1033 It does not take great men to do great things; it only takes consecrated men. —*Phillips Brooks*
- 1034 Christians have burnt each other, quite persuaded
That all the Apostles would have done as they did. —*Byron*
- 1035 Neutral men are the devil's allies. —*E. H. Chapin*
- 1036 The downright fanatic is nearer to the heart of things than the cool and slippery disputant. —*E. H. Chapin*
- 1037 No wild enthusiast ever yet could rest,
Till half mankind were, like himself, possest. —*Cowper*

- 1038 We often excuse our own want of philanthropy by giving the name of fanaticism to the more ardent zeal of others.
—*Longfellow*
- 1039 The world belongs to the Enthusiast who keeps cool.
—*William McFee*
- 1040 This man will go far for he believes every word he says.
—*Mirabeau of Robespierre*
- 1041 Fanaticism consists in redoubling your effort when you have forgotten your aim.
—*Santayana*
- 1042 Principles have no real force except when one is well fed.
—*Mark Twain*
- 1043 Conviction is the Conscience of the Mind.
—*Mrs. Humphrey Ward*
- 1044 Convictions are mortgages on the mind.
- 1045 A man of principles is generally as insufferable as a man of prejudices; furthermore, he is more pretentious.
- 1046 Zeal is fit only for wise men, but is found mostly in fools.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Belief
Courage
Doubt
Idealism
Opinion
Truth

COOKS

- 1051 God sends meat, the devil sends cooks.
—*Charles VI*
- 1052 The art of cookery is the art of poisoning mankind, by rendering the appetite still importunate, when the wants of nature are supplied.
—*Fenelon*
- 1053 The cook cares not a bit for the toil, if the fowl be plump and fat.
—*Horace*
- 1054 He makes his cook his merit, and the world visits his dinners and not him.
—*Molière*
- 1055 The cook was a good cook, as cooks go; and as cooks go she went.
—*H. H. Munro*
- 1056 The receipts of cookery are swelled to a volume; but a good stomach excels them all.
—*William Penn*
- 1057 He is a sairy cook that mauna lick his ain fingers.

- 1058 Boil stones in butter, and you may sip the broth.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Eating

Eggs

COQUETRY

- 1061 Every line in her face is the line of least resistance.
—*Irvin S. Cobb*
- 1062 A coquette is a woman without any heart, who makes a fool of a man that hasn't got any head.
—*Mme. Deluzy*
- 1063 There is one antidote only for coquetry, and that is true love.
—*Mme. Deluzy*
- 1064 The characteristic of coquettes is affectation governed by whim.
—*Fielding*
- 1065 An accomplished coquette excites the passions of others, in proportion as she feels none herself.
—*Hazlitt*
- 1066 A coquette is like a recruiting sergeant, always on the lookout for fresh victims.
—*Douglas Jerrold*
- 1067 One can find women who have never had one love affair, but it is rare indeed to find any who have had only one.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 1068 A coquette is a young lady of more beauty than sense, more accomplishments than learning, more charms of person than graces of mind, more admirers than friends, more fools than wise men for attendants.
—*Longfellow*
- 1069 Had we but world enough, and time,
This coyness, lady, were no crime.
—*Andrew Marvell*
- 1070 Still panting o'er a crowd to reign,
More joy it gives to woman's breast
To make ten frigid coxcombs vain,
Than one true, manly lover blest.
—*Pope*
- 1071 Have you not heard it said full oft,
A woman's nay doth stand for naught?
—*Shakespeare*
- 1072 "Yea," quoth he, "dost thou fall upon thy face?
Thou wilt fall backward when thou hast more wit."
—*Shakespeare*
- 1073 Mme. de Genlis, in order to avoid the scandal of coquetry, always yielded easily.
—*Talleyrand*
- 1074 Tenderness is the coquetry of age.

- 1075 An old coquette does not die of old age—she dies of anxiety.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Blushing
Chastity
Maid
Modesty
Sex

COURAGE

- 1081 His resolve is not to seem the bravest, but to be. —*Aeschylus*
- 1082 It is easy to be brave from a safe distance. —*Aesop*
- 1083 It is an error to suppose that courage means courage in everything. —*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 1084 The courage we desire and prize is not the courage to die decently, but to live manfully. —*Carlyle*
- 1085 It is better to have a lion at the head of an army of sheep, than a sheep at the head of an army of lions. —*Defoe*
- 1086 Adventures are to the adventurous. —*Disraeli*
- 1087 Here is he laid to whom for daring deed
Nor friend nor foe could render worthy meed. —*Ennius*
- 1088 Brave men were living before Agamemnon. —*Horace*
- 1089 One man with courage makes a majority. —*Andrew Jackson*
- 1090 No man can answer for his courage who has never been in danger. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 1091 The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just. —*Lincoln*
- 1092 If the heart be right, it matters not which way the head lies.
—*Sir Walter Raleigh, at the scaffold*
- 1093 The blood more stirs
To rouse a lion than to start a hare! —*Shakespeare*
- 1094 Bravery never goes out of fashion. —*Thackeray*
- 1095 Shipwrecked I; but be none scared by my ill-starred lot;
Other ships sailed the sea with mine, and suffered not.
—*Theodorides, of Syracuse*
- 1096 She'd fight a rattlesnake and give it the first two bites.
—*Harry Leon Wilson*
- 1097 A courageous foe is better than a cowardly friend.

- 1098 Return with your shield or on it.
- 1099 The man who says he would give his last drop of blood for a lofty cause really means the first drop—no one but a fool would risk a hemorrhage.

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Courtship 1174
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 Pride 4660
 Resignation 4868
 Teaching 5291

RELATED SUBJECTS

Character
 Conviction
 Cowardice
 Danger
 Deeds
 Soldiers

COURTESY

- 1101 To dispense with ceremony is the most delicate mode of conferring a compliment. —*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 1102 One of the embarrassments of being a gentleman is that you are not permitted to be violent in asserting your rights. —*Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 1103 True politeness is perfect ease and freedom. It simply consists in treating others just as you love to be treated yourself. —*Chesterfield*
- 1104 The manner of a vulgar man has freedom without ease; the manner of a gentleman, ease without freedom. —*Chesterfield*
- 1105 No man can possibly improve in any company for which he has not respect enough to be under some degree of restraint. —*Chesterfield*
- 1106 A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill manners. —*Chesterfield*
- 1107 Tact consists in knowing how far to go too far. —*Jean Cocteau*
- 1108 To remind a man of the good turns you have done him is very much like a reproach. —*Demosthenes*
- 1109 Manner is all in all, whate'er is writ,
 The substitute for genius, sense, and wit. —*Cowper*
- 1110 Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy. —*Emerson*
- 1111 Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices. —*Emerson*
- 1112 Manners are the happy ways of doing things. . . . If they are superficial, so are the dewdrops, which give such a depth to the morning meadow. —*Emerson*

- 1113 We must be courteous to a man as we are to a picture, which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light. —*Emerson*
- 1114 We cannot live pleasantly without living wisely and nobly and righteously. —*Epicurus*
- 1115 Of what use are forms, seeing at times they are empty? Of the same use as barrels, which, at times, are empty too.
—*A. W. & J. C. Hare*
- 1116 If a person has no delicacy, he has you in his power. —*Hazlitt*
- 1117 A gentleman is one who never hurts anyone's feelings unintentionally. —*Oliver Herford*
- 1118 Apologizing—a very desperate habit—one that is rarely cured. Apology is only egotism wrong side out. —*O. W. Holmes*
- 1119 The audience was swell. They were so polite, they covered their mouths when they yawned. —*Bobe Hope*
- 1120 He was so generally civil, that nobody thanked him for it.
—*Johnson*
- 1121 Politeness of the mind is to have delicate thoughts.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 1122 He who reflects on another man's want of breeding, shows he wants it as much himself. —*Plutarch*
- 1123 Politeness is to human nature what warmth is to wax.
—*Schopenhauer*
- 1124 Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person.
—*Mark Twain*
- 1125 A courtesy much entreated is half recompensed.
- 1126 A civil denial is better than a rude grant.
- 1127 Courtesy on one side can never last long.
- 1128 Less of your courtesy and more of your purse.
- 1129 In courtesy, rather pay a penny too much than too little.
- 1130 Politeness travels on short fares.
- 1131 A favor ill-placed is great waste.
- 1132 There is something of the prostitute in all gallant men.
- 1133 The only way to treat a Prussian is to step on his toes until he apologizes.
- 1134 Good nature without prudence, is foolishness.

- 1135 A gentleman *invariably* follows a lady upstairs.
—*From a well-known book on etiquette*

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Begging 430

RELATED SUBJECTS
Guests
Habit
Kindness
Vulgarity

COURTIER

- 1141 To laugh, to lie, to flatter to the face,
Four ways in court to win men's grace. —*Roger Ascham*
- 1142 Young courtiers be beggars in their age. —*Alexander Barclay*
- 1143 Falsehood and dissimulation are certainly to be found at courts;
but where are they not to be found? Cottages have them, as
well as courts, only with worse manners. —*Chesterfield*
- 1144 To make a fine gentleman several trades are required, but chiefly
a barber. —*Goldsmith*
- 1145 There is a pleasure in affecting affectation. —*Lamb*
- 1146 Some people resemble ballads which are only sung for a certain
time. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 1147 Affectation endeavors to correct natural defects, and has always
the laudable aim of pleasing, though always misses it. —*Locke*
- 1148 Court-virtues bear, like gems, the highest rate,
Born where Heaven's influence scarce can penetrate. —*Pope*
- 1149 The two maxims of any great man at court are, always to keep
his countenance and never to keep his word. —*Swift*
- 1150 A court is an assemblage of noble and distinguished beggars.
—*Talleyrand*
- 1151 O, happy they that never saw the court,
Nor ever knew great men but by report. —*John Webster*
- 1152 All charming people, I fancy, are spoiled. It is the secret of their
attraction. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 1153 A nod from a lord is a breakfast for a fool.

RELATED SUBJECTS
Ancestors
Kings

COURTSHIP

- 1161 Romances paint at full length people's wooings,
But only give a bust of marriages:
But no one cares for matrimonial cooings. —*Byron*

- 1162 Single gentlemen who would be double. —*Byron*
- 1163 If you cannot inspire a woman with love of yourself, fill her
above the brim with love of herself; all that runs over will be
yours. —*C. C. Colton*
- 1164 The surest way to hit a woman's heart is to take aim kneeling.
—*Douglas Jerrold*
- 1165 Follow a shadow, it still flies you;
Seem to fly it, it will pursue:
So court a mistress, who denies you;
Let her alone, she will court you. —*Jonson*
- 1166 If I speak to thee in friendship's name,
Thou think'st I speak too coldly;
If I mention love's devoted flame,
Thou say'st I speak too boldly. —*Thomas Moore*
- 1167 Men seldom make passes
At girls who wear glasses. —*Dorothy Parker*
- 1168 By the time you swear you're his, shivering and sighing,
And he vows his passion is infinite, undying—
Lady, make a note of this:
One of you is lying. —*Dorothy Parker*
- 1169 She is a woman, therefore may be woo'd;
She is a woman, therefore may be won. —*Shakespeare*
- 1170 Who wooed in haste and means to wed at leisure. —*Shakespeare*
- 1171 That man that hath a tongue, I say, is no man,
If with his tongue he cannot win a woman. —*Shakespeare*
- 1172 Courtship consists in a number of quiet attentions, not so pointed
as to alarm, nor so vague as not to be understood. —*Sterne*
- 1173 In courtship a man pursues a woman until she catches him.
- 1174 Faint heart never won fair lady.
- 1175 He that would the daughter win, must with the mother first
begin.
- 1176 Happy's the wooing that's not long in doing.
- 1177 Courting and wooing, brings dallying and doing.
- 1178 Woman begins by resisting man's advances and ends by blocking
his retreat.
- 1179 Sustained gallantry is almost inconceivable.

- 1180 In the old days the young fellow who went courting turned down the gas. Now he steps on it.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Coquetry
Husband
Jealousy
Maid
Wife

COWARDICE

- 1181 Cowards do not count in battle; they are there, but not in it.
—*Euripides*
- 1182 Fannius, as he was fleeing from the enemy, put himself to death.
Isn't this, I ask, madness—to die for fear of dying?—*Martial*
- 1183 When the blandishments of life are gone,
The coward creeps to death—the brave lives on. —*Martial*
- 1184 All enchantments die; only cowards die with them.
—*Charles Morgan*
- 1185 A coward like this deserves to—have his life prolonged.
—*Seneca*
- 1186 Not every man is so great a coward as he thinks he is—nor yet
so good a Christian. —*Stevenson*
- 1187 You do well to weep like a woman for what you could not defend like a man.
—*Sultana Zoraya*
- 1188 The first in banquets, but the last in fight.
- 1189 Cowards run the greatest danger of any men in a battle.
- 1190 Many would be cowards if they had courage enough.
- 1191 A coward's fear may make a coward valiant.
- 1192 A coward is a man in whom the instinct of self-preservation acts normally.
- 1193 Ned would liken himself to Achilles of old.
I hope he'll admit of a single correction;
In his heels lay Achilles' danger we're told,
Whilst Ned in his heels finds his only protection.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Courage
Danger
Duty
Hero
Weakness

CREDIT

- 1201 Credit is like chastity, they can both stand temptation better than suspicion. —*Josh Billings*
- 1202 A person who can't pay, gets another person who can't pay, to guarantee that he can pay. —*Dickens*
- 1203 However gradual may be the growth of confidence, that of credit requires still more time to arrive at maturity. —*Disraeli*
- 1204 Creditors have better memories than debtors; they are a superstitious sect, great observers of set days and times.—*Franklin*
- 1205 If a feller screwed up his face when he asked fer credit like he does when he's asked t' settle, he wouldn't git it. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 1206 A creditor is worse than a master; for a master owns only your person, a creditor owns your dignity, and can belabor that. —*Victor Hugo*
- 1207 Blest paper-credit! last and best supply!
That lends corruption lighter wings to fly! —*Pope*
- 1208 Thy credit wary keep, 'tis quickly gone;
Being got by many actions, lost by one. —*T. Randolph*
- 1209 Credit is like a looking-glass, which when once sullied by a breath, may be wiped clear again; but if once cracked can never be repaired. —*Scott*
- 1210 Who quick be to borrow and slow be to pay,
Their credit is naught, go they never so gay.—*Thomas Tusser*
- 1211 He getteth a great deal of credit, who payeth but a small debt.
- 1212 More credit may be thrown down in a moment, than can be built up in an age.
- 1213 In God we trust—all others pay cash.

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Virtue 5692

RELATED SUBJECTS
Business
Debt
Economy

CRIME

- 1221 Society prepares the crime; the criminal commits it.—*V. Alfieri*
- 1222 Crimes are not to be measured by the issue of events, but by the bad intentions of men. —*Cicero*
- 1223 He who sells what isn't his'n,
Must buy it back or go to prison. —*Daniel Drew*

- 1224 Successful crimes alone are justified. —*Dryden*
- 1225 It is worse than a crime; it is a blunder. —*Fouché*
- 1226 Crimes sometimes shock us too much; vices almost always too little. —*A. W. & J. C. Hare*
- 1227 The police are fully able to meet and compete with all criminals! —*Mayor Hylan*
- 1228 What man have you ever seen who was contented with one crime only? —*Juvenal*
- 1229 If poverty is the mother of crimes, want of sense is the father of them. —*La Bruyère*
- 1230 We easily forget crimes that are known only to ourselves. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 1231 Those who are themselves incapable of great crimes, are ever backward to suspect others. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 1232 The reason there are so many imbeciles among imprisoned criminals is that an imbecile is so foolish even a detective can detect him. —*Austin O'Malley*
- 1233 Much as he is opposed to law-breaking, he is not bigoted about it. —*Damon Runyon*
- 1234 A criminal is a person with predatory instincts who has not sufficient capital to form a corporation. —*Howard Scott*
- 1235 Successful and fortunate crime is called virtue. —*Seneca*
- 1236 When superficiality is not a virtue, it is worse than a crime.
- 1237 The greater the man, the greater the crime.
- 1238 A nation is no better than its charlatans.
- 1239 A little stealing is a dangerous part,
But stealing largely is a noble art;
'Tis mean to rob a henroost, or a hen,
But stealing thousands makes us gentlemen.
- 1240 The informer is the worst rogue of the two.
- 1241 It is wit to pick a lock, and steal a horse, but wisdom to let it alone.

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Blushing 474

RELATED SUBJECTS
Guilt
Hanging
Law
Punishment
Vice

CRITICISM

- 1251 It is ridiculous for any man to criticize the works of another if he has not distinguished himself by his own performances.
—Addison
- 1252 Silence is sometimes the severest criticism. —Charles Buxton
- 1253 It is much easier to be critical than to be correct. —Disraeli
- 1254 The most noble criticism is that in which the critic is not the antagonist so much as the rival of the author. —Disraeli
- 1255 You know who critics are?—the men who have failed in literature and art.
—Disraeli
- 1256 The good critic relates the adventures of his soul among works of art.
—Anatole France
- 1257 The stones that critics hurl with harsh intent
A man may use to build his monument. —Arthur Guiterman
- 1258 Criticism, as it was first instituted by Aristotle, was meant as a standard of judging well.
—Johnson
- 1259 Few persons have sufficient wisdom to prefer censure, which is useful to them, to praise, which deceives them.
—La Rochefoucauld
- 1260 If we were without faults, we should not take so much pleasure in remarking them in others.
—La Rochefoucauld
- 1261 The proper function of a critic is to save the tale from the artist who created it.
—D. H. Lawrence
- 1262 The strength of criticism lies only in the weakness of the thing criticised.
—Longfellow
- 1263 Critics are sentinels in the grand army of letters, stationed at the corners of newspapers and reviews to challenge every new author.
—Longfellow
- 1264 Nature fits all her children with something to do,
He who would write and can't write, can surely review.
—Lowell
- 1265 Ten censure wrong, for one that writes amiss. —Pope
- 1266 Criticism often takes from the tree caterpillars and blossoms together.
—J. P. Richter
- 1267 A woman's flattery may inflate a man's head a little; but her criticism goes straight to his heart, and contracts it so that it can never again hold quite as much love for her. —Rowland
- 1268 Court not the critic's smile, nor dread his frown. —Scott

- 1269 Pay no attention to what critics say. There has never been set up a statue in honor of a critic. —*Sibelius*
- 1270 Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent. —*Swift*
- 1271 Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship. —*Zeuxis*
- 1272 A literary critic is a person who finds meaning in literature that the author didn't know was there.
- 1273 A book reviewer is usually a "barker" before the door of a publisher's circus.

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CURIOSITY

- 1281 Curiosity
Does, no less than devotion, pilgrims make. —*Cowley*
- 1282 Creatures whose mainspring is curiosity—enjoy the accumulating of facts, far more than the pausing at times to reflect on those facts. —*Clarence Day*
- 1283 Curiosity is little more than another name for hope.
—*A. W. & J. C. Hare*
- 1284 The over curious are not over wise. —*Massinger*
- 1285 You know what a woman's curiosity is. Almost as great as a man's! —*Oscar Wilde*
- 1286 To go beneath the surface argues the curious—not the profound.

RELATED SUBJECTS

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CYNICISM

- 1291 Cynicism is intellectual dandyism. —*George Meredith*
- 1292 Be wisely worldly, be not worldly wise. —*Francis Quarles*
- 1293 I hate cynicism a great deal worse than I do the devil; unless, perhaps, the two were the same thing. —*Stevenson*
- 1294 What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing. —*Oscar Wilde*

- 1295 Cynic: a sentimentalist on guard.

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DANGER

- 1301 In counsel it is good to see dangers; but in execution, not to see them unless they be very great. —*Bacon*
- 1302 Who rides a tiger cannot dismount. —*Chinese Proverb*
- 1303 The absent danger greater still appears.
Less fears he who is near the thing he fears. —*Samuel Daniel*
- 1304 See what perils do environ
Those who meddle with hot iron. —*Galsworthy*
- 1305 In great straits and when hope is small, the boldest counsels are the safest. —*Livy*
- 1306 The danger past and God forgotten.
- 1307 Who seeks adventures finds blows.
- 1308 A fallen lighthouse is more dangerous than a reef.

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DAY

- 1311 The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day.
—*H. W. Beecher*
- 1312 There are many persons who look on Sunday as a sponge to wipe out the sins of the week.
—*H. W. Beecher*
- 1313 He seems
To have seen better days, as who has not
Who has seen yesterday? —*Byron*
- 1314 The public only takes up yesterday as a stick to beat today.
—*Jean Cocteau*

- 1315 Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. —*Emerson*
- 1316 Sunday is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week. —*Longfellow*
- 1317 With each returning night we're born again
And nought of all our former life retain.
Today—estranged from all past joy and strife—
Today is radiant with new opening life. —*Palladas*
- 1318 A bad day never hath a good night.
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DEATH

- 1321 The sole equality on earth is death. —*Philip J. Bailey*
- 1322 To himself every one is an immortal; he may know that he is going to die, but he can never know that he is dead. —*Samuel Butler*
- 1323 Heaven gives its favorites—early death. —*Byron*
- 1324 Death, so called, is a thing which makes men weep,
And yet a third of life is passed in sleep. —*Byron*
- 1325 Death comes not to the living soul,
Nor age to the loving heart. —*Phoebe Cary*
- 1326 He who fears death has already lost the life he covets. —*Cato the Censor*
- 1327 Far happier are the dead, methinks, than they
Who look for death, and fear it every day. —*Cowper*
- 1328 I shall ask leave to desist, when I am interrupted by so great an experiment as dying. —*Sir William D'Avenant*
- 1329 Death is a law, not a punishment. —*Jean-Baptiste Dubos*
- 1330 I die well paid, whilst my expiring breath,
Smiles o'er the tombs of foes made kin by death. —*Dutch Epigram*
- 1331 Nay! Let not Lycus be forgotten. He
Died of sore gout. Much marvel 'twas to me,
Who here still limped on crutch-borne feet and slow,
Could in one night to distant Hades go! —*Diogenes Laertius*

- 1332 Worldly faces never look so worldly as at a funeral.
—*George Eliot*
- 1333 Death is never at a loss for occasions.
—*Greek epigram*
- 1334 For mortals vanished from the day's sweet light
I shed no tear:
Rather I mourn for those who day and night
Live in death's fear.
—*Greek epigram*
- 1335 "Tell me, good dog, whose tomb you guard so well?"
"The Cynic's." "True; but who that cynic tell?"
"Diogenes, of fair Sinape's race."
"What? He that in a tub was wont to dwell?"
"Yes: but the stars are now his dwelling-place."
—*Greek epigram*
- 1336 No useless sepulchre I crave:
Nature gives all her sons a grave.
—*Horace*
- 1337 This goin' ware glory waits ye haint one agreeable feetur.
—*Lowell*
- 1338 God cheats men into living on by hiding
How blest it is to die.
—*Lucan*
- 1339 All our knowledge merely helps us to die a more painful death
than the animals that know nothing.
—*Maeterlinck*
- 1340 A man's dying is more the survivors' affair than his own.
—*Thomas Mann*
- 1341 Death, like generation, is a secret of Nature. —*Marcus Aurelius*
- 1342 Light may Earth's crumbling sand be laid on thee
That dogs may dig thy bones up easily.
—*Martial*
- 1343 Rest lightly on her, earth, for she
Trod never heavily on thee.
—*Martial*
- 1344 Death hath a thousand doors to let out life.
—*Massinger*
- 1345 Bound to die? Were I a gymnast 'twould be the same?
Why mind then if by gout I drink myself dead-lame?
Either way be carried? So, wine—let lamps be lit!
While life still laughs, we'll make a merry night of it!
—*Nicarchus*
- 1346 Much talking man, in earth thou soon wilt lie;
Be still, and living think what 'tis to die.
—*Palladas*
- 1347 As Caesar was at supper the discourse was of death—which sort
was the best, "That," said he, "which is unexpected."

- 1348 But thouands die without or this or that,
Die, and endow a college or a cat. —*Pope*
- 1349 "All things mortal are";
And o'er this on tomorrow's hearth,
Muse: "Even maids divinely fair
Must, like flowers, resolve to earth." —*Rufinus*
- 1350 Death is more universal than life; everyone dies but not everyone
lives. —*A. Sachs*
- 1351 Death without dread of death is welcome death. —*Seneca*
- 1352 Death ne'er can fail the man who wills to die. —*Seneca*
- 1353 Death's the discharge of our debt of sorrow. —*Seneca*
- 1354 Death? 'Tis one of life's duties. —*Seneca*
- 1355 Golden lads and girls all must,
As chimney-sweepers, come to dust. —*Shakespeare*
- 1356 I know of nobody that has a mind to die this year.
—*Shakespeare*
- 1357 Death,
The undiscover'd country, from whose bourne
No traveller returns. —*Shakespeare*
- 1358 This fell sergeant, death,
Is strict in his arrest. —*Shakespeare*
- 1359 Just death, kind umpire of men's miseries. —*Shakespeare*
- 1360 Nothing in his life
Became him like the leaving it. —*Shakespeare*
- 1361 He that dies pays all debts. —*Shakespeare*
- 1362 We owe God a death . . . he that dies this year is quit for the
next. —*Shakespeare*
- 1363 Death's a debt; his mandamus binds all alike—no bail, no de-
murrer. —*Sheridan*
- 1364 Death is the ugly fact which Nature has to hide, and she hides
it well. —*Alexander Smith*
- 1365 Strange an astrologer should die without one wonder in the sky.
—*Swift*
- 1366 God's fingers touch'd him, and he slept. —*Tennyson*
- 1367 No life that breathes with human breath
Has ever truly longed for death. —*Tennyson*
- 1368 She ne'er was really charming till she died. —*Terence*

- 1369 The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated. —*Mark Twain*
- 1370 Here's Death, twitching my ear:
 "Live," says he, "for I'm coming." —*Vergil*
- 1371 Two we were, and the heart was one;
 Which now being dead, dead I must be,
 Or seem alive as lifelessly
 As in the choir the painted stone, Death! —*Villon*
- 1372 If death did not exist today, it would be necessary to invent it.
 —*Voltaire*
- 1373 It is an infamy to die and not be missed. —*Carlos Wilcox*
- 1374 I wouldn't live forever,
 I wouldn't if I could:
 But I needn't fret about it,
 For I couldn't if I would.
- 1375 On death, though wit is oft displayed,
 No epigram could e'er be made;
 Poets stop short, and lose their breath,
 When coming to the point of death!
- 1376 When we pray for death we really desire a fuller life.
- 1377 Death has a subtle charm in youth which it loses in old age.
- 1378 Old men go to death; but death comes to young men.
- 1379 When you die, your trumpeter will be buried.
- 1380 He that died half a year ago is as dead as Adam.
- 1381 He hath liv'd ill that knows not how to die well.
- 1382 If death be terrible, the fault is not in death, but thee.

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DEBT

- 1391 Give, and you may keep your friend if you lose your money;
 lend, and the chances are that you lose your friend if ever you
 get back your money. —*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 1392 Youth is in danger until it learns to look upon debts as furies.
 —*Bulwer-Lytton*

- 1393 Dear Furius, you may rest assured,
My country house is well secured.
How? With good timber, stone, and plaster,
From wind, and rain, and all disaster?
Ah, no! but by a certain skin,
Which is encased in painted tin,
It is secured for "money lent,"
To a cursed son of Ten-per-Cent. —*Catullus*
- 1394 It is better to give than to lend, and it costs about the same.
—*Sir Philip Gibbs*
- 1395 We are always much better pleased to see those whom we have
obliged, than those who have obliged us. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 1396 You are buying everything now, Castor. It will end in your sell-
ing everything. —*Martial*
- 1397 You are not in debt, Sextus. I assure you, Sextus, you are not in
debt, for a man is in debt, Sextus, only if he can pay.
—*Martial*
- 1398 Because you made me a loan of one hundred and fifty thousand
sesterces out of all the wealth on which your heavy money-
chest shuts tight, you fancy yourself, Telesinus, a great friend.
You a great friend because you give! I, rather, because I pay
back. —*Martial*
- 1399 Debts are nowadays like children, begot with pleasure, but
brought forth with pain. —*Molière*
- 1400 A small debt produces a debtor; a large one, an enemy.
—*Publilius Syrus*
- 1401 Believe me, 'tis a godlike thing to lend; to owe is a heroic virtue.
—*Rabelais*
- 1402 Debts and lies are generally mixed together. —*Rabelais*
- 1403 You know it is not my Interest to pay the Principal; nor is it my
Principle to pay the Interest. —*Sheridan*
- 1404 Most men remember obligations, but are not often likely to be
grateful; the proud are made sour by the remembrance and the
vain silent. —*Simms*
- 1405 The holy passion of Friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal
and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole life-
time, if not asked to lend money. —*Mark Twain*
- 1406 When some men discharge an obligation you can hear the report
for miles around. —*Mark Twain*

- 1407 God bless pawnbrokers!
They are quiet men. —*Marguerite Wilkinson*
- 1408 Jack ran so long, and ran so fast,
No wonder he ran out at last;
He ran in debt—and then, to pay,
He distanced all, and ran away.
- 1409 Mortgage: a house with a guilty conscience.
- 1410 I have discovered the philosopher's stone, that turns everything
into gold: it is, "Pay as you go."
- 1411 It is better to pay, and have but little left, than to have much,
and be always in debt.
- 1412 Debt is the worst poverty.
- 1413 He who oweth is all in the wrong.
- 1414 He begs at them that borrowed at him.
- 1415 He that lends, gives.
- 1416 The moment you make a man feel the weight of an obligation,
he will become your enemy.
- 1417 You say you nothing owe, and so I say;
He only owes, who something has to pay.

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DECENCY

- 1421 Want of decency is want of sense. —*Wentworth Dillon*
- 1422 Decency is the least of all laws, but yet it is the law which is
most strictly observed. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 1423 Respectable means rich, and decent means poor. I should die if I
heard my father called decent. —*T. L. Peacock*
- 1424 Decency is Indecency's Conspiracy of Silence. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 1425 No man has been thoroughly decent to more than one woman.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Character
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Kindness
Wickedness

- 1452 It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide on what to do. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 1453 The measure of choosing well, is, whether a man likes and finds good in what he has chosen. —*Lamb*
- 1454 Decide not rashly. The decision made
Can never be recalled. —*Longfellow*
- 1455 Deliberate as often as you please, but when you decide it is once for all. —*Publius Syrus*
- 1456 Men must be decided on what they will not do, and then they are able to act with vigor in what they ought to do.

RELATED SUBJECTS

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DEEDS

- 1461 Conspiracies no sooner should be formed than executed. —*Addison*
- 1462 The beginning, as the proverb says, is half the whole. —*Aristotle*
- 1463 Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well. —*Chesterfield*
- 1464 The distance is nothing; it is only the first step that costs. —*Mme. Du Deffand*
- 1465 If thou wouldst not be known to do anything, never do it. —*Emerson*
- 1466 Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. —*Emerson*
- 1467 A bad beginning makes a bad ending. —*Euripides*
- 1468 He who has put a good finish to his undertaking is said to have placed a golden crown to the whole. —*Eustachius*
- 1469 His conduct still right, with his argument wrong. —*Goldsmith*
- 1470 A noble deed is a step toward God. —*J. G. Holland*
- 1471 A good lather is half the shave. —*William Hone*
- 1472 He has half the deed done, who has made a beginning. —*Horace*
- 1473 There are thousands willing to do great things for one willing to do a small thing. —*George Macdonald*

- 1474 A wrong-doer is often a man that has left something undone, not always he that has done something. —*Marcus Aurelius*
- 1475 Between the great things that we *cannot* do and the small things we *will* not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing. —*Adolph Monod*
- 1476 To do two things at once is to do neither. —*Publilius Syrus*
- 1477 While we deliberate about beginning, it is already too late to begin. —*Quintilian*
- 1478 Doing is the great thing. For if, resolutely, people do what is right, in time they come to like doing it. —*Ruskin*
- 1479 He who considers too much will perform little. —*Schiller*
- 1480 The attempt and not the deed
Confounds us. —*Shakespeare*
- 1481 If to do were easy as to know what were good to do, chapels had been churches, and poor men's cottages princes' palaces. —*Shakespeare*
- 1482 One good deed, dying tongueless,
Slaughters a thousand waiting upon that. —*Shakespeare*
- 1483 'Tis strange what a man may do and a woman yet think him an angel. —*Thackeray*
- 1484 The first faults are theirs that commit them; the second theirs that permit them.
- 1485 Better do it than wish it done.
- 1486 He who commences many things finishes but few.

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DEFEAT

- 1491 To yield to the stronger is valor's second prize. —*Martial*
- 1492 There are some defeats more triumphant than victories. —*Montaigne*
- 1493 Another victory like this will send me back without a man to Epirus. —*Pyrrhus*

- 1494 Defeat isn't bitter if you don't swallow it.

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DELAY

- 1501 He slept beneath the moon,
He basked beneath the sun;
He lived a life of going-to-do
And died with nothing done. —*James Albery*
- 1502 By the street of By-and-By, one arrives at the house of Never.
—*Cervantes*
- 1503 It's but little good you'll do, a-watering the last year's crop.
—*George Eliot*
- 1504 Delay in vengeance gives a heavier blow. —*John Ford*
- 1505 When a man's life is at stake, no delay is too long. —*Juvenal*
- 1506 Delay is ever fatal to those who are prepared. —*Lucan*
- 1507 procrastination is the
art of keeping
up with yesterday. —*Don Marquis*
- 1508 Delay is a great procuress. —*Ovid*
- 1509 Never do to-day what you can
Put off till to-morrow. —*W. B. Rands*
- 1510 Delays increase desires, and sometimes extinguish them.
- 1511 Procrastination is a relief.

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DEMOCRACY

- 1521 I'm one that like to find
Myself of the Common Kind. —*Antiphilus, of Byzantium*
- 1522 You can never have a revolution in order to establish a democracy. You must have a democracy in order to have a revolution.
—*Chesterton*
- 1523 Every man is wanted, and no man is wanted much. —*Emerson*

- 1524 Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people. —*H. E. Fosdick*
- 1525 Democracy has not failed; the intelligence of the race has failed before the problems the race has raised. —*Robert M. Hutchins*
- 1526 Democ'acy gives every man
The right to be his own oppressor. —*Lowell*
- 1527 The only way in which to fit a people for self-government is to entrust them with self-government. —*Macaulay*
- 1528 Like a barber's chair, that fits all buttocks. —*Shakespeare*
- 1529 It is easier for a republican form of government to be applauded than realized. —*Tacitus*

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DESIRE

- 1531 We should aim rather at leveling down our desires than leveling up our means. —*Aristotle*
- 1532 He who desires but acts not, breeds pestilence. —*Blake*
- 1533 The thirst of desire is never filled, nor fully satisfied. —*Cicero*
- 1534 Nothing troubles you for which you do not yearn. —*Cicero*
- 1535 It is not the greatness of a man's means that makes him independent, so much as the smallness of his wants. —*Cobbett*
- 1536 A man's desire is for the woman, but the woman's desire is rarely other than for the desire of the man. —*Coleridge*
- 1537 Where desire doth bear the sway,
The heart must rule, the head obey. —*Francis Davison*
- 1538 Socrates said, "Those who want fewest things are nearest to the gods." —*Diogenes Laertius*
- 1539 By annihilating the desires, you annihilate the mind. Every man without passions has within him no principle of action, no motive to act. —*Helvetius*
- 1540 We live in our desires rather than in our achievements. —*George Moore*

- 1541 Each man has his own desires; all do not possess the same inclinations.
—*Persius*
- 1542 We desire nothing so much as what we ought not to have.
—*Publius Syrus*
- 1543 Is it not strange that desire should so many years outlive performance?
—*Shakespeare*
- 1544 There are two tragedies in life.
One is not to get your heart's desire.
The other is to get it.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 1545 The stoical scheme of supplying our wants by lopping off our desires, is like cutting off our feet when we want shoes.
—*Swift*
- 1546 Discontents arise from our desires oftener than from our wants.
- 1547 Shameless craving must have shameful pay.
- 1548 If your desires be endless, your cares will be so too.
- 1549 By persistently desiring the unattainable, one weakens oneself without attaining anything.

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DESPAIR

- 1551 When we are flat on our backs there is no way to look but up.
—*Roger W. Babson*
- 1552 Let me not know that all is lost,
Though lost it be—leave me not tied
To this despair, this corpse-like bride.
—*Browning*
- 1553 Our last and best defense, despair;
Despair, by which the gallant'st feats
Have been achiev'd in greatest straits.
—*Samuel Butler*
- 1554 Despair is the damp of hell, as joy is the serenity of heaven.
—*John Donne*
- 1555 Despair is a great incentive to honorable death.
—*Quintus Curtius Rufus*
- 1556 He that stands upon a slippery place,
Makes nice of no vile hold to stay him up.
—*Shakespeare*

- 1557 What matters it to a blind man that his father could see?

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DEVIL

- 1561 When dining with the devil, one must use a long spoon.
—*Bismarck*
- 1562 The Devil was sick—the Devil a monk would be,
The Devil was well—the Devil a monk was he. —*Rabelais*
- 1563 The prince of darkness is a gentleman. —*Shakespeare*
- 1564 As good eat the devil as the broth he is boiled in.

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DICTATORS

- 1571 Dictatorship is like a great beech tree. nice to look at, but nothing
grows under it. —*Stanley Baldwin*
- 1572 What millions died—that Caesar might be great!
—*Thomas Campbell*
- 1573 When the Hun is poor and down
He's the humblest man in town;
But once he climbs and holds the rod
He smites his fellow-man—and God.
—*Joseph Cats (Written around 1600)*
- 1574 Who is all-powerful should fear everything. —*Corneille*
- 1575 When liberty becomes license, dictatorship is near.
—*Will Durant*
- 1576 Many he needs must fear whom many fear. —*Horace*
- 1577 It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favor of vege-
tarianism, while the wolf remains of a different opinion.
—*Dean Inge*

- 1578 In a state of anarchy power is the measure of right. —*Lucan*
- 1579 Dictators always look good until the last ten minutes.
—*Jan Masaryk*
- 1580 Anarchy is the sure consequence of tyranny; or no power that is not limited by laws can ever be protected by them. —*Milton*
- 1581 In times of anarchy one may seem a despot in order to be a savior.
—*Mirabeau*
- 1582 Every anarchist is a baffled dictator. —*Mussolini*
- 1583 Dr. Goebbels and Virginio Gayda are joint holders of the running broad jump to conclusions.
—*N. Y. Times*
- 1584 He must fear many whom many fear. —*Publius Syrus*
- 1585 Excessive power seeks power beyond its power. —*Seneca*
- 1586 A very fair spot but there is no way down from it.
—*Solon, of dictatorship*
- 1587 Virginio Gayda is about the only newspaperman we know of who can write the way a peke barks.
—*Frank Sullivan*
- 1588 Despotism may govern without faith, but liberty cannot.
—*De Tocqueville*
- 1589 Hitler's word is as good as his Bund.
- 1590 Mussolini is a man possible only in a country that has no appreciation of real acting.

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DIFFICULTY

- 1591 Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties. —*Aesop*
- 1592 Depressions may bring people closer to the church—but so do funerals.
—*Clarence Darrow*
- 1593 The difficulty in life is the choice. —*George Moore*
- 1594 Difficulty is the excuse history never accepts. —*Samuel Grafton*
- 1595 He who accounts all things easy will have many difficulties.
—*Lao-Tsze*
- 1596 The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise high with the occasion.
—*Lincoln*

- 1597 Look for a tough wedge for a tough log. —*Publius Syrus*

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Hardship
Optimism
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DIGNITY

- 1601 The superior man is slow in his words and earnest in his conduct.
—*Confucius*
- 1602 Perhaps the only true dignity of man is his capacity to despise himself.
—*Santayana*
- 1603 It is easier to grow in dignity than to make a start. —*Seneca*
- 1604 The eagle does not catch flies.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Character
Courtesy
Vulgarity

DIPLOMACY

- 1611 International arbitration may be defined as the substitution of many burning questions for a smouldering one.
—*Ambrose Bierce*
- 1612 American diplomacy is easy on the brain but hell on the feet.
—*Charles G. Dawes*
- 1613 Diplomacy is to do and say
The nastiest thing in the nicest way. —*Isaac Goldberg*
- 1614 There are three species of creature who when they seem coming are going,
When they seem going they come:
Diplomats, women, and crabs. —*John Hay*
- 1615 Men, like bullets, go farthest when they are smoothest.
—*J. P. Richter*
- 1616 An ambassador is an honest man sent to lie abroad for the commonwealth.
—*Sir Henry Wotton*
- 1617 It is fortunate that diplomats generally have long noses, since usually they cannot see beyond them.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Courtesy
Discretion
Government
Politics

DISAPPOINTMENT

- 1621 Man must be disappointed with the lesser things of life before he
can comprehend the full value of the greater.
—*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 1622 The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,
For promis'd joy!
—*Burns*
- 1623 The disappointment of manhood succeeds the delusion of youth.
—*Disraeli*
- 1624 What we anticipate seldom occurs; what we least expected gen-
erally happens.
—*Disraeli*
- 1625 Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand. —*George Eliot*
- 1626 How disappointment tracks the steps of hope. —*L. E. Landon*
- 1627 Disappointment should always be taken as a stimulant, and never
viewed as a discouragement. —*C. B. Newcomb*
- 1628 Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disap-
appointed. —*Pope*
- 1629 Mean spirits under disappointment, like small beer in a thunder-
storm, always turn sour. —*John Randolph*
- 1630 For of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these: "It might have been!" —*Whittier*

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Defeat

Difficulty

Faith

Grief

DISCRETION

- 1631 I have never been hurt by anything I didn't say.
—*Calvin Coolidge*
- 1632 For good and evil in our actions meet;
Wicked is not much worse than indiscreet. —*John Donne*
- 1633 A lover without indiscretion is no lover at all. —*Thomas Hardy*
- 1634 Know when to speak—for many times it brings
Danger, to give the best advice to kings. —*Robert Herrick*
- 1635 He knows not when to be silent who knows not when to speak.
—*Publilius Syrus*

- 1636 Wise men say nothing in dangerous times. —*John Selden*
- 1637 Have more than thou showest,
Speak less than thou knowest. —*Shakespeare*
- 1638 Thy friend has a friend, and thy friend's friend has a friend;
be discreet. —*Talmud*
- 1639 Questions are never indiscreet: answers sometimes are.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 1640 And I oft have heard defended—
Little said is soonest mended. —*Wither*
- 1641 The age of discretion is the age of impotence.
- 1642 Those who live in stone houses should not throw glass.
- 1643 Once man demanded virtue in woman; now all he expects is that
she be discreet.
- 1644 Much that well may be thought cannot wisely be said.
- 1645 He that hears much, and speaks not all, shall be welcome both in
bower and hall.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Caution
Decision
Judgment
Wisdom

DOCTORS

- 1651 Pray, dear Doctor, alter your rule; and prescribe only for your
enemies. —*Topham Beauclerk*
- 1652 And Nathan, being sick, trusted not in the Lord, but sent for a
physician—and Nathan was gathered unto his fathers.
—*Bible*
- 1653 Physicians mend or end us,
Secundum artem; but although we sneer
In health—when ill we call them to attend us,
Without the least propensity to jeer. —*Byron*
- 1654 A good surgeon operates with his hand, not with his heart.
—*Dumas*
- 1655 It's no trifle at her time of life to part with a doctor who knows
her constitution. —*George Eliot*
- 1656 Joy and Temperance and Repose
Slam the door on the doctor's nose. —*Longfellow*

- 1657 Till lately Diaulus was a doctor; now he is an undertaker. What he does as an undertaker, he had already done as a doctor.
—*Martial*
- 1658 The Doctor—detected, while he stole
A patient's favorite drinking bowl,
Had still his answer pat enough:
"You fool! You shouldn't touch the stuff!" —*Martial*
- 1659 You are now a gladiator; you were formerly an oculist. You did as an ophthalmic surgeon what you now do as a gladiator.
—*Martial*
- 1660 When I was ill, you came to me,
Doctor, and with great urgency
A hundred students brought with you
A most instructive case to view.
The hundred finger'd me with hands
Chill'd by the blasts of northern lands:
Fever at outset had I none—
I have it, Sir, now you have done. —*Martial*
- 1661 Agelaus chanced, operating on a man, to kill.
"Lucky wretch!" he cried: "Might have limped for life, but for my skill."
—*Nicarchus*
- 1662 The physician who killed me,
Neither bled, purged or pilled me,
Nor counted my pulse, but it comes to the same,
In the height of my fever I thought of his name. —*Nicarchus*
- 1663 Yesterday the Zeus of stone from the doctor had a call:
Though he's Zeus and though he's stone, yet today's his funeral.
—*Nicarchus*
- 1664 The patient surely had been lame for life,
So Scalpel, pitying, killed him with his knife. —*Nicarchus*
- 1665 Surgery is by far the worst snob among the handicrafts.
—*Austin O'Malley*
- 1666 The alienist is not a joke:
He finds you cracked, and leaves you broke. —*Keith Preston*
- 1667 I had rather follow you to your grave than see you owe your life to any but a regular-bred physician.
—*Sheridan*
- 1668 The best doctors in the world are Doctor Diet, Doctor Quiet, and Doctor Merryman.
—*Swift*
- 1669 At Highgate by salubrious air,
Had thriven butchers, bakers;
But since a doctor settled there,
None thrive but undertakers.

- 1670 Diagnosis: a preface to an autopsy.
- 1671 Physicians of the highest rank
(To pay their fees, we need a bank),
Combine all wisdom, art and skill,
Science and sense, in Calomel.
- 1672 If the doctor cures, the sun sees it; but if he kills, the earth
hides it.
- 1673 That patient is not like to recover who makes the doctor his heir.
- 1674 God cures and the doctor takes the fee.
- 1675 If anybody comes to I,
I physics, bleeds and sweats 'em;
If after that they choose to die,
Why, what care I? I. Lettsom.

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Sickness

DOGS

- 1681 The more I see of dogs the less I think of men.
—*Arsène Houssaye*
- 1682 Whoever beats dogs loves not man.
—*Arsène Houssaye*
- 1683 When a man's dog turns against him it is time for his wife to
pack her trunk and go home to mamma. —*Mark Twain*
- 1684 They say a reasonable number of fleas is good fer a dog—keeps
him from broodin' over bein' a dog. —*E. N. Westcott*

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Nature

DOUBT

- 1691 More persons, on the whole, are humbugged by believing in noth-
ing, than by believing too much. —*P. T. Barnum*
- 1692 I've stood upon Achilles' tomb,
And heard Troy doubted: time will doubt of Rome. —*Byron*
- 1693 Just think of the tragedy of teaching children not to doubt.
—*Clarence Darrow*
- 1694 Uncertain ways unsafest are,
And doubt a greater mischief than despair. —*Sir John Denham*

- 1695 Scepticism is the first step on the road to philosophy. —*Diærot*
- 1696 For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin. —*F. W. Faber*
- 1697 Incredulity robs us of many pleasures, and gives us nothing in return. —*Lowell*
- 1698 He who dallies is a dastard, he who doubts is damned.
—*George McDuffie*
- 1699 I respect faith, but doubt is what gets you an education.
—*Wilson Mizner*
- 1700 O Lord—if there is a Lord; save my soul—if I have a soul.
Amen. —*Rénan*
- 1701 Our doubts are traitors,
And make us lose the good we oft might win,
By fearing to attempt. —*Shakespeare*
- 1702 There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds. —*Tennyson*
- 1703 Doubt makes the mountain which faith can move.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Caution

Conviction

Cynicism

Knowledge

Trust

DRINKING

- 1711 To be bowed by grief is folly;
Naught is gained by melancholy;
Better than the pain of thinking,
Is to steep the sense in drinking. —*Alcaeus*
- 1712 Man being reasonable must get drunk;
The best of life is but intoxication;
Glory, the grape, love, gold—in these are sunk
The hopes of all men and of every nation. —*Byron*
- 1713 What's drinking?
A mere pause from thinking! —*Byron*
- 1714 I drink when I have occasion, and sometimes when I have no occasion. —*Cervantes*

- 1715 Be kind, O Bacchus, take this empty pot
Offered to thee by Xenophon, the sot,
Who, giving this, gives all that he has got. —*Eratosthenes*
- 1716 O Strangers! By Anacreon's tomb who pass,
Shed o'er it wine, in life he lov'd his glass. —*Greek epigram*
- 1717 Licker talks mighty loud w'en it gits loose from de jug.
—*Joel Chandler Harris*
- 1718 O'ne drink is plenty;
Two drinks too many,
And three not half enough. —*W. Knox Haynes*
- 1719 Teetot'lers seem to die the same as others,
So what's the use of knocking off the beer? —*A. P. Herbert*
- 1720 Bacchus drowns within the bowl
Troubles that corrode the soul. —*Horace*
- 1721 First the man takes a drink; then the drink takes a drink; then
the drink takes the man. —*Japanese proverb*
- 1722 As for the Brandy, "Nothing extenuate;"
And the water, "Put naught in in malice." —*Douglas Jerrold*
- 1723 Claret is the liquor for boys,
Port for men; but he who aspires to be a hero must drink brandy.
—*Johnson*
- 1724 There is a devil in every berry of the grape. —*Koran*
- 1725 You make any number of promises when you have been drinking
all evening. Next morning you won't keep one. Drink in the
morning, Pollio. —*Martial*
- 1726 It is a mistake to think that Acerra reeks of yesterday's liquor:
Acerra always drinks till next morning. —*Martial*
- 1727 Candy
Is dandy
But liquor
Is quicker. —*Ogden Nash*
- 1728 Not drunk is he who from the floor
Can rise alone and still drink more;
But drunk is he, who prostrate lies,
Without the power to drink or rise. —*T. L. Peacock*
- 1729 Nose, Nose, Nose, Nose!
And who gave thee that jolly red nose?
Cinnamon and Ginger, Nutmegs and Cloves,
And that gave me my jolly red nose. —*Ravenscroft*

- 1730 The sot Loserus is drunk twice a day,
Bibinus only once; now of these say,
Which may a man the greatest drunkard call?
Bibinus still, for he's drunk once for all. —*Scaliger*
- 1731 Drunkenness does not create vice; it merely brings it into view. —*Seneca*
- 1732 It (drink) provokes the desire, but takes away the performance. —*Shakespeare*
- 1733 O God! that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal
away their brains! —*Shakespeare*
- 1734 A bumper of good liquor
Will end a contest quicker
Than justice, judge, or vicar. —*Sheridan*
- 1735 He who drinks one glass a day,
Will live to die some other way. —*Stanlicus*
- 1736 I cannot eat but little meat,
My stomach is not good;
But sure I think that I can drink
With him that wears a hood. —*John Still*
- 1737 Better belly burst than good liquor be lost. —*Swift*
- 1738 There are two things that will be believed of any man whatsoever,
and one of them is that he has taken to drink. —*Tarkington*
- 1739 The first glass for myself; the second for my friends; the third
for good humor; and the fourth for mine enemies. —*W. Temple*
- 1740 'Tis clear, since Brandy kill'd Tom's scolding wife,
That drinking rids us of the cares of life.
- 1741 A drunkard is like a whiskey-bottle, all neck and belly and no
head.
- 1742 A soft drink turneth away company.
- 1743 He is not drunk gratis, who pays his reason for his shot.
- 1744 When your companions get drunk and fight, take up your hat
and wish them good night.
- 1745 Drunkenness is a pair of spectacles to see the devil and all his
works.
- 1746 A drink is shorter than a tale.
- 1747 Of all meat in the world, drink goes down the best.

- 1748 If you'd know when you've enough
Of the punch and the claret cup
It's time to quit the blessed stuff
When you fall down and can't get up.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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DUTY

- 1751 The reward of one duty done is the power to fulfill another.
—*George Eliot*
- 1752 I don't translate my own convenience into other people's duties.
—*George Eliot*
- 1753 So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, Thou must,
The youth replies, I can!
—*Emerson*
- 1754 You have a disagreeable duty to do at twelve o'clock. Do not
blacken nine and ten and eleven and all between with the color
of twelve.
—*George Macdonald*
- 1755 When you have a number of disagreeable duties to perform,
always do the most disagreeable first.
—*Josiah Quincy*
- 1756 I fancy that it is just as hard to do your duty when men are
sneering at you as when they are shooting at you.
—*Woodrow Wilson*
- 1757 Life has no moral purpose; no one is born with a duty to anyone
else.
- 1758 Duty leads a few to virtue and the rest to discontent.
- 1759 Men do not love to perform their duties; for every newly created
duty there are new laws to enforce them.
- 1760 Best way to get rid of your duties is to discharge them.

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EATING

- 1761 What most moved him was a certain meal on beans.
—*Browning*
- 1762 All human history attests
That happiness for man—the hungry sinner—
Since Eve ate apples, much depends on dinner! —*Byron*
- 1763 The belly carries the legs, and not the legs the belly.
—*Cervantes*
- 1764 A man must eat though every tree were a gallows.
—*C. M. Clarke*
- 1765 To eat is human; to digest, divine. —*C. T. Copeland*
- 1766 He fasts enough who eats with reason. —*A. J. Cronin*
- 1767 A man once asked Diogenes what was the proper time for supper, and he made answer, "If you are a rich man, whenever you please; and if you are a poor man, whenever you can."
—*Diogenes Laertius*
- 1768 When I demanded of my friend what viands he preferred,
He quoth: "A large cold bottle, and a small hot bird!"
—*Eugene Field*
- 1769 Fools make feasts, and wise men eat them. —*Franklin*
- 1770 A full belly makes a dull brain. —*Franklin*
- 1771 It isn't so much what's on the table that matters, as what's on the chairs.
—*W. S. Gilbert*
- 1772 By suppers more have been killed than Galen ever cured.
—*George Herbert*
- 1773 Among the great whom Heaven has made to shine,
How few have learned the art of arts—to dine!
—*O. W. Holmes*
- 1774 "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith."—Bitter is a dinner of herbs where love is.
Give me a stalled ox and hatred therewith. —*Anthony Hope*
- 1775 The chief pleasure in eating does not consist in costly seasoning or exquisite flavor but in yourself.
—*Horace*
- 1776 When a man is invited to dinner, he is disappointed if he does not get something good.
—*Johnson*

- 1777 i have noticed that when chickens quit quarrelling over their food
they often find that there is enough for all of them i wonder
if it might not be the same way with the human race
—*Don Marquis*
- 1778 Our friend Caecilianus does not dine without a wild-boar. What a
charming companion at the dinner-table! —*Martial*
- 1779 When the crowd of your admirers is shouting, "Bravo! Hear,
hear!" it is not you, Pomponius, but your dinner that is elo-
quent. —*Martial*
- 1780 You say that the hare is not cooked, Rufus, and you call for your
whip. You would rather give the cook a cut than the hare.
—*Martial*
- 1781 When I was young I had no dial but appetite,
The very best and truest of all time-pieces.
When that said "Eat," I ate—if I could get it. —*Menander*
- 1782 Oh, better, no doubt, is a dinner of herbs,
When season'd by love, which no rancor disturbs,
And sweeten'd by all that is sweetest in life,
Than turbot, bisque, ortolans, eaten with strife.
—*Owen Meredith*
- 1783 The more the merrier; the fewer, the better fare.
—*John Palgrave*
- 1784 The difference between a rich man and a poor man, is this—the
former eats when he pleases, and the latter when he can get it.
—*Sir Walter Raleigh*
- 1785 A dinner lubricates business. —*William Scott*
- 1786 Serenely full, the epicure would say,
Fate cannot harm me—I have dined today. —*Sidney Smith*
- 1787 He was a bold man that first eat an oyster. —*Swift*
- 1788 When the belly is full, the bones would be at rest. —*Swift*
- 1789 He who eats with most pleasure is he who least requires sauce.
—*Xenophon*
- 1790 When the belly is full the mind is amongst the maids.
- 1791 The epicure puts his purse into his belly.
- 1792 There are more gluttons than drunkards in hell.
- 1793 The discovery of a new dish does more for the happiness of man
than the discovery of a star.
- 1794 He sups ill, who eats up all at dinner.

- 1795 At a round table there's no dispute of place.
 1796 Eat-well is drink-well's brother.
 1797 If it were not for the belly, the back might wear gold.
 1798 The belly robs the back.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
 Cooks
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ECONOMY

- 1801 Not to be covetous, is money; not to be a purchaser, is a revenue.
 —*Cicero*
- 1802 Men do not realize how great a revenue economy is. —*Cicero*
- 1803 Beware of little expenses; a small leak will sink a great ship.
 —*Franklin*
- 1804 A man often pays dear for a small frugality. —*Emerson*
- 1805 At the beginning of the cask and at the end take thy fill; but be
 saving in the middle; for at the bottom saving comes too late.
 —*Hesiod*
- 1806 Th' feller that brags 'bout how cheap he heats his home allus
 sees th' first robin. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 1807 Without economy none can be rich, and with it few can be poor.
 —*Johnson*
- 1808 Bassus bought a Tyrian cloak of the best color for a hundred. He
 made a good bargain. "Did he get it very cheap?" you ask.
 Very cheap indeed, for he will never pay for it. —*Martial*
- 1809 If you keep a thing seven years, you are sure to find a use for it.
 —*Scott*
- 1810 Economy is too late at the bottom of the purse. —*Seneca*
- 1811 The regard one shows economy, is like that we show an old aunt,
 who is to leave us something at last. —*William Shenstone*
- 1812 Solvency is entirely a matter of temperament and not of income.
 —*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 1813 They take their pride in making their dinner cost much; I take
 my pride in making my dinner cost little. —*Thoreau*
- 1814 Take care to be an economist in prosperity; there is no fear of
 your not being one in adversity. —*Zimmerman*
- 1815 He that considers in prosperity, will be less afflicted in adversity.

- 1838 A reconciled friend is a double enemy.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Friend

Hate

Insults

War

ENGLAND

- 1841 An Englishman is a man who lives on an island in the North Sea governed by Scotsmen. —*Philip Guedalla*
- 1842 Things they don't understand always cause a sensation among the English. —*Alfred De Musset*
- 1843 There are only two classes in good society in England: the equestrian classes and the neurotic classes. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 1844 A famine in England begins at the horse-manger.

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EPIGRAMS

- 1851 A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience. —*Cervantes*
- 1852 What is an epigram? a dwarfish whole,
Its body brevity, and wit its soul. —*Coleridge*
- 1853 An epigram is but a feeble thing
With straw in tail, stuck there by way of sting. —*Cowper*
- 1854 Let no one weep for me, or celebrate my funeral with mourning;
for I still live, as I pass to and fro through the mouths of men. —*Ennius*
- 1855 Three things must epigrams, like bees, have all,
A sting, and honey, and a body small. —*Latin distich*
- 1856 An epigram is a gag that's played Carnegie Hall. —*Oscar Levant*
- 1857 He misses what is meant by epigram
Who thinks it only frivolous flim-flam. —*Martial*
- 1858 No amount of misfortune will satisfy the man who is not satisfied with reading a hundred epigrams. —*Martial*
- 1859 In Marsus and the accomplished Pedo, a single epigram often occupies a couple of pages. Things are not long, if they contain nothing which you can take away. As for yourself, Cosconius, you write long couplets. —*Martial*

- 1860 You ask me to read you my epigrams, Afer. No, thank you—you want to read me yours, not to hear mine. —*Martial*
- 1861 You complain, Velox, that my epigrams are too long. You make yours shorter, for you write nothing. —*Martial*
- 1862 An epigram is a half truth so stated as to irritate the person who believes the other half. —*Mathews*
- 1863 No choice maxims—we Stoics don't practice that kind of window-dressing. —*Seneca*
- 1864 No epigram contains the whole truth. —*C. W. Thompson*
- 1865 It is more trouble to make a maxim than it is to do right. —*Mark Twain*
- 1866 Somewhere in the world there is an epigram for every dilemma. —*H. W. Van Loon*
- 1867 An epigram often flashes light into regions where reason shines but dimly. —*E. P. Whipple*
- 1868 An epigram should be, if right,
Short, simple, pointed, keen, and bright—
A lively little thing!
Like wasp with taper body, bound
By lines—not many—neat and round;
All ending in a sting.
- 1869 Take a portion of wit,
And fashion it fit,
Like a needle, with point and with eye:
A *point* that can wound,
An *eye* to look round,
And at *folly* or *vice* let it fly.

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EPITAPHS

- 1871 Slumbereth Timocrates within this grave,
For Ares spares the coward, not the brave.
—*Anacreon, to a slain warrior*
- 1872 Beneath this stone my wife doth lie:
Now she's at rest, and so am I!
—*Boileau*

- 1873 At rest here Saon, Dicon's son, of Acanthos, lies.
It is sleep from Heaven; say not that a good man dies.
—*Callimachus*
- 1874 Pay me no tears; nor for my passing grieve:
I linger on the lips of men—and live. —*Ennius*
- 1875 The Body
of
Benjamin Franklin, Printer
(Like the cover of an old book,
Its contents torn out,
And stript of its lettering and gilding,)
Lies food for worms.
Yet the work itself shall not be lost,
For it will (as he believed) appear once more,
In a new
And more beautiful edition,
Corrected and amended
by
The Author.
—*Franklin*
- 1876 Here lies Nolly Goldsmith, for shortness called Noll,
Who wrote like an angel, but talk'd like poor Poll. —*Garrick*
- 1877 No heap of dust is Erasippus' grave,
Nor funeral stone, but all the wild sea wave,
As wide and far as e'er thine eye can see. —*Glaucus*
- 1878 Here lies Anacreon: then, stranger, pour
Freely thy wine—I'm thirsty as of yore. —*Greek epitaph*
- 1879 My country and my name inquire not: I
Wish all who pass my tomb like me to die. —*Greek epitaph*
- 1880 Here ended my sad life, my tomb you see,
Ask not my name—on all my curses be! —*Greek epitaph*
- 1881 Here lies the Christian, judge, and poet Peter,
Who broke the laws of God, and man, and metre.
—*John Gibson Lockhart on Lord Peter Robertson*
- 1882 Here lapped in hallowed slumber Saon lies,
Asleep, not dead; a good man never dies. —*Saon of Acanthus*
- 1883 Here lie I, Timon; who alive, all living men did hate:
Pass by, and curse thy fill; but pass and stay not here thy gait.
—*Shakespeare*

- 1884 Beneath this stone there lies a skull,
Which when it breath'd, was monstrous dull,
But now 'tis dead and doom'd to rot,
This skull's as wise (pray is it not?)
As Shakespeare's, Newton's, Prior's, Gay's,
The wits, the sages of their days.
—*Epitaph in the Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey*
- 1885 Here lies William Trollope,
Who made these stones roll up;
When death took his soul up,
His body filled this hole up. —*On the architect, Trollope*
- 1886 Hoe hoe who lyes here
'Tis I the goode erle of Devonsheere
With Kate my wyfe to mee full dere
Wee lyved togeather fyfty-fyve yeare
That wee spent wee had
That wee left wee lost
That wee gave wee have.
—*On a tomb in Twerton churchyard, dated 1419*
- 1887 Peace to his hashes. —*On a celebrated cook*
- 1888 Cease to lament his change, ye just,
He's only gone from dust to dust. —*On a coal heaver*
- 1889 Finis
Maginnis —*Irish epitaph*
- 1890 Here lies
Pierre Cabochard, grocer.
His inconsolate widow
dedicates this monument to his memory,
and continues the same business at
the old stand, 167 Rue Mouffetard.
—*In Pere-la-Chaise Cemetery, Paris*
- 1891 Here lies Poor Charlotte,
Who died no harlot,
But in her virginity,
Though just turned nineteen,
Which within this vicinity
Is hard to be found and seen.
—*St. George's churchyard, Somerset*
- 1892 Here lies Du Vall: Reader, if male, thou art,
Look to thy purse: if female, to thy heart.
—*On the tombstone of the 17th century highwayman, Duval*

- 1893 Since I am so quickly done for,
I wonder what I was begun for.
—*On an infant only three months old*
- 1894 Here lie my two children dear,
One in Ireland, and the other here.
—*In an Oswego, N. Y., cemetery*
- 1895 Here lies my wife in earthly mould,
Who when she lived, did nought but scold;
Peace wake her not, for now she's still,
She had, but now I have my will.
- 1896 Here lies my wife, a sad slattern and a shrew,
If I said I regretted her I should lie too.
- 1897 Here lies my poor wife, without bed or blanket,
But dead as a door-nail, and God be thankit.
- 1898 Here I lie at the church door,
Here I lie because I am poor;
When I rise at the Judgment Day,
I shall be as warm as they.
- 1899 Here lies the body of Mary Ford,
Whose soul, we trust, is with the Lord;
But if for hell she's changed this life,
'Tis better than being John Ford's wife.
- 1900 Erected to the memory of
John Phillips
Accidentally shot,
As a mark of affection by his Brother.
- 1901 I laid my wife beneath this stone
For her repose and for my own.
- 1902 He lived one hundred and five
Sanguine and strong;
A hundred to five
You live not so long.
- 1903 Here lies the body of Jonathan Ground,
Who was lost at sea and never found.
- 1904 Misplacing—mistaking—
Misquoting—misdating;
Men, manners, things, and facts all.
Here lies Sir Nathaniel Wraxall.
- 1905 Here lies Joan Kitchin; when her life was spent,
She kicked up her heels, and away she went.

- 1906 Here lies two babbies, as dead as nits,
Who died in agonising fits;
They were too good to live with we,
So God did take to live with He.
- 1907 Here I lies, and no wonder I'm dead,
For the wheel of a wagon went over my head.
- 1908 She's gone and cannot come to we,
But we shall shortly go to she.
- 1909 See how God works His wonders now and then—
Here lies a lawyer and an honest man.
- 1910 Near to this stone John Barnet lies,
There's no man frets, nor no man cries,
Where he's gone, or how he fares,
There's no man knows, nor no man cares.
- 1911 Here lie the remains of John Hall, grocer. The world is not
worth a fig, and I have good reason for saying so.
- 1912 This stone was raised by Sarah's lord,
Not Sarah's virtues to record,
For they're well-known to all the town,
But it was *raised* to keep her *down*.
- 1913 To all my friends I bid adieu,
A more sudden death you never knew.
As I was leading the old mare to drink,
She kicked, and killed me quicker'n a wink.
- 1914 Here lies the body of Lady O'Looney,
Great niece of Burke, commonly
Called the Sublime.
She was
Bland, passionate, and deeply religious.
Also she painted in water-colours,
And sent several pictures to the Exhibition.
She was first cousin to Lady Jones,
And of such is the kingdom of heaven.
- 1915 Here lies the body of W. W.,
Who never more will trouble you, trouble you.
- 1916 Lelio is buried here;
He was born, he lived, he died.
- 1917 Friend, in your epitaphs I'm grieved
So very much is said:
One-half will never be believed,
The other never read.

- 1918 Here lies I and my three daughters,
Kill'd by drinking the Cheltenham waters;
If we had stuck to our Epsom salts,
We'd not been a lying in these here vaults.
- 1919 Ah, cruel Death! why so unkind,
To take her, and leave me behind.
Better to have taken both or neither,
It would have been more kind to the survivor!
- 1920 I lost the comfort of my life,
Death came and took my wife;
And now I don't know what to do,
Lest death should come, and take me too.
- 1921 Here lies the carcass of a cursèd sinner
Doomed to be roasted for the Devil's dinner.
- 1922 Here lies I, Martin Elmrod;
Have mercy on my soul, gude God,
As I would have gin I were God,
And thou wert Martin Elmrod.
- 1923 John Carnegie lies here,
Descended from Adam and Eve;
If any can boast of a pedigree higher,
He will willingly give them leave.
- 1924 Beneath this stone, in hopes of Zion,
Is laid the landlord of the Lion.
Resigned unto the Heavenly will,
His son keeps on the business still.
- 1925 My time was come! My days were spent!
I was called away—and away I went!!!
- 1926 Mammy and I together lived
Just two years and a half;
She went first—I followed next,
The cow before the calf.
- 1927 Here lies I
Kill'd by a sky-
Rocket in the eye.
- 1928 Here lies the bones of Margaret Gwynn,
Who was so very pure within,
She cracked her outer shell of sin
And hatched herself a Seraphin.

- 1929 Here lies Pat Steele.
That's very true:
Who was he? What was he?
What's that to you?

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Courage 1087
Fame 2096
Patriotism 4346

RELATED SUBJECTS
Death
Monument

ERROR

- 1931 I would rather err with Plato than think rightly with these
(Pythagoreans). —*Cicero*
- 1932 Perhaps it is a good thing to have an unsound hobby ridden hard;
for it is sooner ridden to death. —*Dickens*
- 1933 Errors, like straws, upon the surface flow;
He who would search for pearls must dive below. —*Dryden*
- 1934 Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to
err. —*Mahatma Gandhi*
- 1935 Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to
combat it. —*Jefferson*
- 1936 Error is none the better for being common, nor truth the worse
for having lain neglected. —*John Locke*
- 1937 It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why
you did it wrong. —*Longfellow*
- 1938 The wrong way always seems the more reasonable.
—*George Moore*
- 1939 Men err from selfishness; women because they are weak.
—*Mme. de Stael*
- 1940 An expert is a person who avoids the small errors as he sweeps on
to the grand fallacy. —*Benjamin Stolberg*
- 1941 Men are apt to prefer a prosperous error to an afflicted truth.
—*Jeremy Taylor*
- 1942 The history of human opinion is scarcely anything more than the
history of human errors. —*Voltaire*

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Conceit 952
Ignorance 3097, 3099

RELATED SUBJECTS
Facts
Mistakes
Truth

EVIL

- 1951 It is some compensation for great evils that they enforce great lessons. —*C. N. Bovée*
- 1952 God makes all things good; man meddles with them and they become evil. —*Rousseau*
- 1953 Men's evil manners live in brass; their virtues we write in water. —*Shakespeare*
- 1954 There's small choice in rotten apples. —*Shakespeare*
- 1955 If evils come not, then our fears are vain;
And, if they do, fear but augments the pain.
- 1956 Real and imaginary evils have the same effect on the human mind.
- 1957 No choice amongst stinking fish.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Crime
Devil
Good
Sin
Wickedness

EXAMPLE

- 1961 For behavior, men learn it, as they take diseases, one of another. —*Bacon*
- 1962 It is not enough to be an upright man, we must be seen to be one; society does not exist on moral ideas only. —*Balzac*
- 1963 We are far more liable to catch the vices than the virtues of our associates. —*Diderot*
- 1964 The rotten apple spoils his companion. —*Franklin*
- 1965 You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips. —*Goldsmith*
- 1966 People seldom improve when they have no model but themselves to copy after. —*Goldsmith*
- 1967 We can do more good by being good, than in any other way. —*Rowland Hill*
- 1968 Rules make the learner's path long, examples make it short and successful. —*Seneca*
- 1969 Things bad begun make strong themselves by ill.—*Shakespeare*

- 1970 Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example. —*Mark Twain*

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Action 12

Children 768

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Conviction

Deeds

Teaching

EXCESS

- 1971 Nor too much wealth nor wit come to thee,
So much of either may undo thee. —*Bishop Corbet*
- 1972 Thus each extreme to equal danger tends,
Plenty, as well as Want, can sep'rate friends. —*Cowley*
- 1973 There is moderation even in excess. —*Disraeli*
- 1974 Too much plenty makes mouth dainty. —*Franklin*
- 1975 Wild oats will get sown some time, and one of the arts of life is
to sow them at the right time. —*Richard Le Gallienne*
- 1976 But just disease to luxury succeeds.
And ev'ry death its own avenger breeds. —*Pope*
- 1977 They never taste who always drink;
They always talk who never think. —*Matthew Prior*
- 1978 A bellyfull is a bellyfull. —*Rabelais*
- 1979 'Tis not the drinking that is to be blamed, but the excess.
—*John Selden*
- 1980 The superfluous, a very necessary thing. —*Voltaire*
- 1981 The excesses of old men incline toward perversion.
- 1982 Dissipation: stupidity in despair.

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Greed 2661

RELATED SUBJECTS

Conservative

Discretion

Extravagance

Temperance

EXCUSE

- 1991 Excellence is the perfect excuse.
Do it well, and it matters little what. —*Emerson*
- 1992 Never mind what I told you—you do as *I* tell you.
—*W. C. Fields*
- 1993 Don't make excuses—make good. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 1994 Contests allow no excuses, no more do friendships. —*Ibycus*

- 1995 He who excuses himself accuses himself. —*Gabriel Meurier*

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Difficulty 1594

Error 1937

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Error

Failure

Sin

EXPERIENCE

- 2001 A proof that experience is of no use, is that the end of one love does not prevent us from beginning another. —*Paul Bourget*
- 2002 Experience is the child of thought, and thought is the child of action. —*Disraeli*
- 2003 Only so much do I know, as I have lived. —*Emerson*
- 2004 Skill to do comes of doing. —*Emerson*
- 2005 Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other. —*Franklin*
- 2006 After the event, even a fool is wise. —*Homer*
- 2007 The spectacles of experience; through them you will see clearly a second time. —*Ibsen*
- 2008 I had six honest serving men—
They taught me all I knew:
Their names were Where and What and When—and
Why and How and Who. —*Kipling*
- 2009 Experience is the only prophecy of wise men. —*Lamartine*
- 2010 One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning. —*Lowell*
- 2011 No one knows what he can do till he tries. —*Publilius Syrus*
- 2012 I had rather have a fool to make me merry than experience to make me sad. —*Shakespeare*
- 013 He cannot be a perfect man, not being tried and tutored in the world.
Experience is by industry achieved, and perfected by the swift course of time. —*Shakespeare*
- 2014 He jests at scars, that never felt a wound. —*Shakespeare*
- 2015 Everything happens to everybody sooner or later if there is time enough. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 2016 And others' follies teach us not,
Nor much their wisdom teaches;
And most, of sterling worth, is what
Our own experience preaches. —*Tennyson*

- 2017 No man was ever so completely skilled in the conduct of life, as not to receive new information from age and experience.
—*Terence*
- 2018 Experience is of no ethical value. It is merely the name men give to their mistakes.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 2019 Experience teaches us at the expense of our illusions.
- 2020 Experience makes a man wiser but leaves a woman a complete ruin.
- 2021 Experience finds a woman stupid and leaves her dumbfounded.
- 2022 Experiences are mortgages on life.
- 2023 Experience: flirting with fate.
- 2024 Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Action

Fate

Knowledge

Life

Understanding

EXTRAVAGANCE

- 2031 Beggar'd by fools, whom still he found too late,
He had his jest, but they had his estate.
—*Dryden*
- 2032 A princely mind will undo a private family. —*Lord Halifax*
- 2033 The prodigal robs his heir, the miser himself.
- 2034 "I'll follow thy fortune, a termagant cries,"
Whose extravagance caus'd all the evil;
"That were some consolation," the husband replies,
"For my fortune has gone to the devil."
- 2035 Don't waste too many stones on one bird.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Borrowing

Conservative

Debt

Economy

Temperance

Value

EYES

- 2041 The eyes of the dead are closed gently; we also have to open gently the eyes of the living.
—*Jean Cocteau*

- 2042 I have a good eye, uncle; I can see a church by daylight.
—*Shakespeare*
- 2043 The dearest things in the world are our neighbor's eyes; they cost everybody more than anything else in housekeeping.
—*Sydney Smith*
- 2044 The buyer needs a hundred eyes, the seller not one.
- SEE ALSO RELATED SUBJECT
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FACTS

- 2051 Facts that are not frankly faced have a habit of stabbing us in the back.
—*Harold Bowden*
- 2052 No facts to me are sacred; none are profane. —*Emerson*
- 2053 He wasn't exactly hostile to facts, but he was apathetic about them.
—*Wolcott Gibbs, of Alexander Woollcott*
- 2054 Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.
—*Aldous Huxley*
- 2055 Facts are apt to alarm us more than the most dangerous principles.
—*Junius*
- 2056 Don't tell me of facts, I never believe facts; you know Canning said nothing was so fallacious as facts, except figures.
—*Sydney Smith*
- 2057 Two and two continue to make four, in spite of the whine of the amateur for three, or the cry of the critic for five.—*Whistler*
- 2058 There are men who can think no deeper than a fact. —*Voltaire*

- SEE ALSO RELATED SUBJECTS
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FAILURE

- 2061 They fail, and they alone, who have not striven.—*T. B. Aldrich*
- 2062 He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride. —*Bunyan*
- 2063 Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time
we fall. —*Confucius*
- 2064 There is only one real failure possible; and that is, not to be true
to the best one knows. —*Canon Farrar*
- 2065 A failure is a man who has blundered but is not able to cash in
the experience. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 2066 There is the greatest practical benefit in making a few failures
early in life. —*T. H. Huxley*
- 2067 There is not a fiercer hell than the failure in a great object.
—*Keats*
- 2068 We have forty million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse.
—*Kipling*
- 2069 Never give a man up until he has failed at something he likes.
—*Lewis E. Lawes*
- 2070 Not failure, but low aim, is crime. —*Lowell*
- 2071 Some falls are means the happier to rise. —*Shakespeare*
- 2072 No good thing is failure and no evil thing success.

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Courage 1091
Criticism 1255
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Optimism 4279

RELATED SUBJECTS

Defeat
Disappointment
Excuse
Success
Work

FAITH

- 2081 He hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. —*Bible*
- 2082 Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things
not seen. —*Bible*
- 2083 Faith without works is dead. —*Bible*
- 2084 Faith is the pencil of the soul that pictures heavenly things.
T. Burbridge
- 2085 But Faith, fanatic Faith, once wedded fast
To some dear falsehood, hugs it to the last. —*Moore*
- 2086 If a man have a strong faith he can indulge in the luxury of
scepticism. —*Nietzsche*

2087 Love asks faith, and faith asks firmness.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Atheism
Belief
Conviction
Hope
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Religion
Trust

FAME

- 2091 It is not the places that grace men, but men the places.
—*Agesilaus*
- 2092 You canna expect to be baith grand and comfortable.
—*J. M. Barrie*
- 2093 The extremes of glory and of shame,
Like east and west, become the same:
No Indian prince has to his palace
More followers than a thief to the gallows. —*Butler*
- 2094 Nothing is more annoying than a low man raised to a high position.
—*Claudian*
- 2095 Fame is a fickle food
Upon a shifting plate. —*Emily Dickinson*
- 2096 What's fame, afther all, me la-ad? 'Tis as apt to be what some
wan writes on ye'er tombstone. —*F. P. Dunne*
- 2097 I hate the man who builds his name
On ruins of another's fame. —*John Gay*
- 2098 Herein the only royal road to fame and fortune lies:
Put not your trust in vinegar—molasses catches flies!
—*Eugene Field*
- 2099 Popularity? It is glory's small change. —*Victor Hugo*
- 2100 After a feller gits famous it don't take long fer some one t' bob
up that used t' set by him at school. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 2101 Fame, like a wayward girl, will still be coy
To those who woo her with too slavish knees. —*Keats*
- 2102 The world more often rewards the appearance of merit than
merit itself. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2103 If fame is only to come after death, I am in no hurry for it.
—*Martial*

- 2104 Glory arrives too late when it comes only to one's ashes.
—*Martial*
- 2105 How prudently we proud men compete for nameless graves, while
now and then some starveling of Fate forgets himself into
immortality.
—*Wendell Phillips*
- 2106 Nor Fame I slight, nor for her favors call;
She comes unlooked for, if she comes at all.
—*Pope*
- 2107 Unblemish'd let me live or die unknown;
Oh, grant an honest fame or grant me none!
—*Pope*
- 2108 Fame does not always light at random: sometimes she chooses
her man.
—*Seneca*
- 2109 Fame is the perfume of heroic deeds.
—*Socrates*
- 2110 Greater things are believed of those who are absent.
—*Tacitus*
- 2111 Fame is but the breath of the people, and that often unwholesome.
- 2112 The man who wakes up and finds himself famous hasn't been
asleep.
- 2113 Desire of glory is the last garment that even wise men put off.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Fortune
Greatness
History
Reputation
Society
Success

FAMILY

- 2121 Accidents will occur in the best regulated families.
—*Dickens*
- 2122 Distant relatives er th' best kind, an' th' further th' better.
—*Kin Hubbard*
- 2123 Never praise a sister to a sister, in the hope of your compliments
reaching the proper ears.
—*Kipling*
- 2124 Don't get married unless you want to start raising a family, and
don't start raising a family unless you want to get married.
—*R. A. Lyman*
- 2125 A daughter is an embarrassing and ticklish possession.—*Menander*
- 2126 A family is but too often a commonwealth of malignants.—*Pope*
- 2127 A family enjoying the unspeakable peace and freedom of being
orphans.
—*G. B. Shaw*

- 2128 All happy families resemble one another; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own fashion. —*Tolstoi*
- 2129 He that has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family, was begot by a flash of lightning.
- 2130 He that hath a wife and children must not sit with his fingers in his mouth.
- 2131 He that is poor all his kindred scorn him, he that is rich all are kin to him.
- 2132 It is a poor family that hath neither a whore nor a thief in it.
- 2133 A great many prominent family trees were started by grafting.

SEE ALSO

Friend 2376, 2377

Wealth 5764

RELATED SUBJECTS

Children

Father

Home

Mother

FARMING

- 2141 If you tickle the earth with a hoe she laughs with a harvest. —*Douglas Jerrold*
- 2142 A cow is a very good animal in the field; but we turn her out of a garden. —*Johnson*
- 2143 There is no ancient gentlemen but gardeners . . . they hold up Adam's profession. —*Shakespeare*
- 2144 The farmer works the soil,
The agriculturist works the farmer. —*E. F. Ware*
- 2145 What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it. —*Charles Dudley Warner*
- 2146 No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem. —*Booker T. Washington*
- 2147 He that hires one garden eats birds; he that hires more than one will be eaten by the birds.
- 2148 All is not butter that comes from the cow.

SEE ALSO

Delay 1503

Work 6053

RELATED SUBJECTS

Labor

Nature

FATE

- 2151 Fate is unpenetrated causes. —*Emerson*
- 2152 That which God writes on thy forehead, thou wilt come to it. —*Koran*

- 2153 It's no good crying over spilt milk, because all the forces of the
universe were bent on spilling it. —*Somerset Maugham*
- 2154 There is no such thing as accident; it is fate misnamed.
—*Napoleon*
- 2155 Heaven know its time; the bullet has its billet. —*Scott*
- 2156 There's a divinity that shapes our ends
Rough-hew them how we will. —*Shakespeare*
- 2157 What fates impose, that men must needs abide;
It boots not to resist both wind and tide. —*Shakespeare*
- 2158 Hanging and wiving goes by destiny. —*Shakespeare*
- 2159 Destiny leads the willing, but drags the unwilling.
- 2160 The inevitable is the great tragedian, never the humorist.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Chance
Luck
Opportunity
Future

FATHER

- 2161 Diogenes struck the father when the son swore. —*Burton*
- 2162 The child whom many fathers share
Hath seldom known a father's care. —*John Gay*
- 2163 It is impossible to please all the world and one's father.
—*La Fontaine*
- 2164 It is a wise father that knows his own child. —*Shakespeare*
- 2165 It is a wise child that knows its own father.
- 2166 Nearly every man is a firm believer in heredity until his son
makes a fool of himself.
- 2167 The worst misfortune that can happen to an ordinary man is to
have an extraordinary father.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Children
Family
Home
Mother

FEAR

- 2171 Cruelty and fear shake hands together. —*Balzac*
- 2172 All is to be feared where all is to be lost. —*Byron*

- 2173 If a man harbors any sort of fear, it percolates through all his thinking, damages his personality, makes him landlord to a ghost.
—*Lloyd Douglas*
- 2174 Fear clogs; Faith liberates.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 2175 The only thing we have to fear—is fear itself.
—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- 2176 When our actions do not,
Our fears do make us traitors.
—*Shakespeare*
- 2177 To him who is in fear everything rustles.
—*Sophocles*
- 2178 Two things ought to be the object of our fear, the envy of friends,
and the hatred of enemies.
- 2179 Fear can keep a man out of danger, but courage only can support
him in it.
- 2180 He that's afraid to do good would do ill if he durst.
- 2181 They that worship God merely from fear,
Would worship the devil too, if he appear.

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Dictators 1576, 1584
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RELATED SUBJECTS

Conscience
Cowardice
Danger
Troubles
Worry

FIDELITY

- 2191 What men call gallantry, and gods adultery,
Is much more common where the climate's sultry.
—*Byron*
- 2192 A good man it is not mine to see.
Could I see a man possessed of constancy, that would satisfy me.
—*Confucius*
- 2193 How happy could I be with either,
Were t'other dear charmer away!
—*John Gay*
- 2194 Women deceive the lover, never the friend.
—*Mercier*
- 2195 There are two kinds of fidelity—that of dogs and that of cats;
and you, gentlemen, have the fidelity of cats who never leave
the house.
—*Napoleon*
- 2196 Inconstancy is but a name to fright poor lovers from a better
choice.
—*John Rutter*
- 2197 You never so much want to be happy with a woman as when you
know that you're ceasing to care for her.—*Arthur Schnitzler*

- 2198 O Heaven! were man
But constant, he were perfect: that one error
Fills him with faults. —*Shakespeare*
- 2199 When my love swears that she is made of truth,
I do believe her, though I know she lies. —*Shakespeare*
- 2200 There is nothing in this world constant but inconstancy.—*Swift*
- 2201 The only difference between a caprice and a lifelong passion is
that the caprice lasts a little longer. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 2202 Let's be gay while we may
And seize love with laughter;
I'll be true as long as you
But not a moment after.
- 2203 Infidelity in woman is a masculine trait.
- 2204 Constancy in the woman whom we have ceased to love is a very
negative virtue—also very irritating.
- 2205 Devotion: love in cold storage.
- 2206 Call your husband cuckold in jest, and he'll never suspect you.
- 2207 Absence makes the heart grow fonder—of somebody else.
- 2208 Nokes went, he thought, to Stiles' wife to bed,
Nor knew his own was laid there in her stead:
Civilians! is the child he then begot,
To be allow'd legitimate, or not? —*After Martial*

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Faith
Marriage

FIGHT

- 2211 Who only in his cups will fight, is like
A clock that must be oiled well ere it strike. —*Bancroft*
- 2212 "Thrice is he armed that has his quarrel just"—
But four times he who gets the blow in fust. —*Josh Billings*
- 2213 For those that fly may fight again,
Which he can never do that's slain. —*Samuel Butler*
- 2214 When I got through with him, he was all covered wit' blood—
my blood. —*Jimmy Durante*
- 2215 You should never wear your best trousers when you go out to
fight for freedom and truth. —*Ibsen*
- 2216 Thrusting my nose firmly between his teeth, I threw him heavily
to the ground on top of me. —*Mark Twain*

- 2217 Never hit a man unless he is down; in a combat it is a sign of utter idiocy to leave anything to chance.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Courage
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FIRE

- 2221 Fire is the best of servants; but what a master! —*Carlyle*
2222 Three removes are as bad as a fire. —*Franklin*
2223 Fire is the most tolerable third party. —*Thoreau*

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Light

FISH

- 2231 A hook's well lost to catch a salmon.
2232 Still he fisheth that catcheth one.
2233 It is good fish, if it were but caught.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Cooks
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FLATTERY

- 2241 And wrinkles (the damned democrats) won't flatter. —*Byron*
2242 Imitation is the sincerest flattery. —*C. C. Colton*
2243 You know what a fan letter is—it's just an inky raspberry. —*Bob Hope*
2244 Th' chronic grumbler is a church social compared t' th' feller that agrees with everything you say. —*Kin Hubbard*
2245 Madam, before you flatter a man so grossly to his face, you should consider whether your flattery is worth his having. —*Johnson*
2246 Men are not flattered by being shown that there has been a difference of purpose between the Almighty and them.—*Lincoln*
2247 The voice of flattery affects us after it has ceased, just as after a concert men find some agreeable air ringing in their ears to the exclusion of all serious business. —*Seneca*

- 2248 But when I tell him he hates flatterers,
He says he does, being then most flattered. —*Shakespeare*
- 2249 Flattery is like friendship in show, but not in fruit. —*Socrates*
- 2250 None are more taken in by flattery than the proud, who wish to be
the first and are not. —*Spinoza*
- 2251 'Tis an old maxim in the schools,
That flattery's the food of fools;
Yet now and then your men of wit
Will condescend to take a bit. —*Swift*
- 2252 If we did not flatter ourselves, nobody else could.
- 2253 He that is open to flattery is fenced against admonition.
- 2254 He that rewards flattery, begs it.
- 2255 Flatterers haunt not cottages.
- 2256 Flattery never comes up to the expectancy of conceit.
- 2257 A flatterer: one who extremely exaggerates in his opinion of your
qualities so that it may come nearer to your opinion of them.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Conceit

Modesty

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FOOLS

- 2261 A good folly is worth what you pay for it. —*George Ade*
- 2262 A prosperous fool is a grievous burden. —*Aeschylus*
- 2263 If others had not been foolish, we should be so. —*Blake*
- 2264 "Stop thief," Dame Nature cried to Death,
As Willy drew his latest breath,
"How shall I make a fool again?
My choicest model thou hast ta'en."
Burns, on William Graham of Morsknowe
- 2265 Four thousand people cross London Bridge every day, mostly
fools. —*Carlyle*
- 2266 The most artful part in a play is the fool's. —*Cervantes*
- 2267 Young men think old men are fools;
But old men know young men are fools. —*George Chapman*
- 2268 Nobody can describe a fool to the life, without much patient self-
inspection. —*Frank M. Colby*

- 2269 I love fools' experiments. I am always making them. —*Darwin*
- 2270 Fools may our scorn, not envy raise,
For envy is a kind of praise. —*John Gay*
- 2271 The folly of others is ever most ridiculous to those who are themselves most foolish. —*Goldsmith*
- 2272 Almost all absurdity of conduct arises from the imitation of those whom we can not resemble. —*Johnson*
- 2273 The silliest woman can manage a clever man; but it needs a very clever woman to manage a fool! —*Kipling*
- 2274 Who lives without folly is not so wise as he thinks.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2275 Sometimes there are accidents in our lives the skillful extrication from which demands a little folly. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2276 A fellow who is always declaring he's no fool, usually has his suspicions. —*Wilson Mizner*
- 2277 The world of fools has such a store
That he who would not see an ass
Must bide at home, and bolt his door,
And break his looking-glass. —*La Monnaye*
- 2278 For fools rush in where angels fear to tread. —*Pope*
- 2279 Folly is the direct pursuit of Happiness and Beauty.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 2280 Let a fool hold his tongue and he will pass for a sage.
—*Publilius Syrus*
- 2281 Always the dulness of the fool is the whetstone of the wits.
—*Shakespeare*
- 2282 The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. —*Shakespeare*
- 2283 Give me the young man who has brains enough to make a fool of himself. —*Stevenson*
- 2284 Accept a proverb out of Wisdom's schools—
"Barbers first learn to shave by shaving fools." —*John Wolcot*
- 2285 A flea-bitten fool made this foolish remark
As he blew out the light: "They can't see in the dark."
- 2286 Fools are the witticisms of nature.
- 2287 What makes folly so impossible is that no amount of improvement perfects it.

- 2288 Every fool can find faults that a great many wise men can't remedy.
- 2289 Natural folly is bad enough; but learned folly is intolerable.
- 2290 The most exquisite folly is made of wisdom too fine spun.
- 2291 If fools went not to market, bad wares would not be sold.
- 2292 Unless a fool knows Latin he is never a great fool.
- 2293 No one is a fool always, every one sometimes.
- 2294 He is na the fool that the fool is, but he that wi' tne fool deals.
- 2295 If wise men play the fool, they do it with a vengeance.
- 2296 He who is born a fool is never cured.
- 2297 Who drives an ass and leads a whore,
Hath pain and sorrow evermore.
- 2298 The road to ruin is always in good repair; the travellers pay the expense of it.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Nonsense

Wisdom

FORGETTING

- 2301 Life cannot go on without much forgetting. —*Balzac*
- 2302 A retentive memory may be a good thing, but the ability to forget is the true token of greatness. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 2303 Nobuddy ever fergits where he buried a hatchet.—*Kin Hubbard*
- 2304 Were it not better to forget
Than but remember and regret? —*L. E. Landon*
- 2305 The world does not require so much to be informed as reminded. —*Hannah More*
- 2306 Blessed are the forgetful; for they get the better even of their blunders. —*Nietzsche*
- 2307 Women and elephants never forget an injury. —*Saki*
- 2308 We bury love;
Forgetfulness grows over it like grass:
That is a thing to weep for, not the dead. —*Alexander Smith*

2309 The remedy for wrongs is to forget them. —*Publilius Syrus*

2310 Forgetting of a wrong is a mild revenge.

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RELATED SUBJECT

Memory

FORGIVENESS

2311 "I can forgive, but I cannot forget," is only another way of saying, "I cannot forgive." —*H. W. Beecher*

2312 Forgiveness to the injured doth belong,
But they ne'er pardon who have done the wrong. —*Dryden*

2313 God will pardon me: that's his business. —*Heine*

2314 Reversing your treatment of the man you have wronged is better
than asking his forgiveness. —*Elbert Hubbard*

2315 We never ask God to forgive anybody except where we haven't.
—*Elbert Hubbard*

2316 To forgive all is as inhuman as to forgive none. —*Seneca*

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Kindness

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FORTUNE

2321 If a man look sharply and attentively, he shall see Fortune; for
though she is blind, she is not invisible. —*Bacon*

2322 Fortune is like the market, where many times, if you can stay a
little, the price will fall. —*Bacon*

2323 I am not in Fortune's power:
He that is down can fall no lower. —*Samuel Butler*

2324 Extremes of fortune are true wisdom's test;
And he's of men most wise who bears them best. —*Cumberland*

2325 Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has
many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have
some. —*Dickens*

2326 It is better to be bold than too circumspect, because fortune is of
a sex which likes not a tardy wooer and repulses all who are
not ardent. —*Machiavelli*

FRANKNESS

- 2351 The young man turned to him with a disarming candor which instantly put him on his guard. —*Saki*
- 2352 Candor and generosity, unless tempered by due moderation, lead to ruin. —*Tacitus*
- 2353 I think it good plain English, without fraud,
To call a spade a spade, a bawd a bawd. —*John Taylor*
- 2354 The person that always says just what he thinks at last gets just what he deserves.
- 2355 Frankness, aside from the pain it causes, is always in bad taste.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Deception
Honesty

FRIEND

- 2361 "Stay" is a charming word in a friend's vocabulary.
—*Bronson Alcott*
- 2362 My friends! There are no friends. —*Aristotle*
- 2363 It is good discretion not to make too much of any man at the first; because one cannot hold out that proportion. —*Bacon*
- 2364 Every man should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.
—*H. W. Beecher*
- 2365 This man was poor, mean of estate, a slave;
Did no one bear him love?
Oh yes, in one friend's heart he reigned supreme,
All other men above. —*Bianor*
- 2366 Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm.
—*Augustine Birrell*
- 2367 Our friends see the best in us, and by that very fact call forth the best from us. —*Blake*
- 2368 Thy friendship oft has made my heart to ache:
Do be my enemy—for friendship's sake. —*Blake*
- 2369 To all my friends I leave kind thoughts.
—*From the Will of John Brougham, Comedian*
- 2370 Whatever the number of a man's friends, there will be times in his life when he has one too few; but if he has only one enemy, he is lucky indeed if he has not one too many.
—*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 2371 Friendship is Love without his wings. —*Byron*

- 2372 No more thy pains for others' welfare spend,
Nor think by service to attach a friend :
All are ungrateful—love goes slighted still—
Nor merely so, but is repaid by ill ;
Witness myself, whose bitterest foe is he,
Who never had a friend on earth but me. —*Catullus*
- 2373 Most people enjoy the inferiority of their best friends.
—*Chesterfield*
- 2374 Acquaintance many, and acquaintance few,
But for iniquity I know only two—
The friend I've wept with, and the maid I woo. —*Coleridge*
- 2375 Love is flower-like ;
Friendship is like a sheltering tree. —*Coleridge*
- 2376 Fate makes our relatives, choice makes our friends.
—*Jacques Delille*
- 2377 Friends—those relations that one makes for oneself.—*Deschamps*
- 2378 Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives, and remembering
what one receives. —*Dumas the Younger*
- 2379 When friendships are real, they are not glass threads or frost
work, but the solidest things we can know. —*Emerson*
- 2380 The only way to have a friend is to be one. —*Emerson*
- 2381 Tell me with whom thou art found, and I will tell thee who
thou art. —*Goethe*
- 2382 He who does not feel his friends to be the world to him, does
not deserve that the world should hear of him. —*Goethe*
- 2383 Friendship is a disinterested commerce between equals ; love, an
abject intercourse between tyrants and slaves. —*Goldsmith*
- 2384 True friends appear less mov'd than counterfeit ;
As men that truly grieve at funerals
Are not so loud, as those that cry for hire. —*Horace*
- 2385 Friendship lives on its income, love devours its capital.
—*Arsène Houssaye*
- 2386 A man, sir, should keep his friendship in constant repair.
—*Johnson*
- 2387 A friend may be often found and lost, but an old friend can
never be found, and nature has provided that he cannot easily
be lost. —*Johnson*
- 2388 To suspect a friend is worse than to be deceived by him.
—*La Rochefoucauld*

- 2389 Friendship is only a reciprocal conciliation of interests, and an exchange of good offices; it is a species of commerce out of which self-love always expects to gain something.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2390 If you want to make a dangerous man your friend, let him do you a favor.
—*Lewis E. Lawes*
- 2391 I said, "I will go out and look for mine enemies," and that day I found no friends. Again, I said, "I will go out and look for my friends," and that day I found no enemies.
—*Gertrude R. Lewis*
- 2392 Women, like princes, find few real friends. —*Lord Lyttelton*
- 2393 You have friends, Paullus, just like your pictures and vases, all antique originals. —*Martial*
- 2394 To no man make yourself a boon companion:
Your joy will be less, but less will be your grief. —*Martial*
- 2395 Regulus, Hermagoras says that we must not please everybody.
Choose out of the many whom you would please. —*Martial*
- 2396 Friends are like melons. Shall I tell you why?
To find one good, you must a hundred try. —*Claude Mermet*
- 2397 The best way to keep your friends is not to give them away.
—*Wilson Mizner*
- 2398 Friendship is a creature formed for a companionship, not for a herd.
—*Montaigne*
- 2399 Men use care in purchasing a horse, and are neglectful in choosing friends.
—*John Muir*
- 2400 We should thank God that He did not give us the power of hearing through walls; otherwise there would be no such thing as friendship.
—*Austin O'Malley*
- 2401 A home-made friend wears longer than one you buy in the market.
—*Austin O'Malley*
- 2402 Friends made fast seldom remain fast. —*Austin O'Malley*
- 2403 Strangers he gulls, but friends make fun of him. —*Phaedrus*
- 2404 True friendship's laws are by this rule express'd:
Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest. —*Pope*
- 2405 Treat your friend as if he might become an enemy.
—*Publius Syrus*
- 2406 Friendship, one soul in two bodies. —*Pythagoras*

- 2407 That friendship will not continue to the end which is begun for an end.
—*Francis Quarles*
- 2408 Old friends are best. King James used to call for his old shoes; they were easiest for his feet.
—*John Selden*
- 2409 We need new friends; some of us are cannibals who have eaten their old friends up; others must have ever-renewed audiences before whom to re-enact an ideal version of their lives.
—*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 2410 An acquaintance that begins with a compliment is sure to develop into a real friendship.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 2411 So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.
—*Stevenson*
- 2412 Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies.
—*Voltaire*
- 2413 Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.
—*Woodrow Wilson*
- 2414 We need the friendship of a man in great trials; of a woman in the affairs of everyday life.
- 2415 He's a friend at a sneeze; the most you can get of him is a God bless you.
- 2416 It is best not to try to get the best of your best friend.
- 2417 One cannot depend on woman's friendship for she gives everything to love.
- 2418 Besides mutual admiration, the first requisite for Platonic friendship is a subtle trace of disdain.
- 2419 A friend is one who knows your faults yet loves you in spite of your virtues.
- 2420 Happy is he whose friends were born before him.
- 2421 Go slowly to the entertainments of thy friends, but quickly to their misfortunes.
- 2422 Friendship increases in visiting friends, but more in visiting them seldom.
- 2423 Few there are that will endure a true friend.
- 2424 A friend that you buy, will be bought from you.
- 2425 A man may see his friend need, but winna see him bleed.
- 2426 A true friend should be like a privy, open in necessity.

2427 Keep good company, and you shall be of the number.

2428 Have but few friends, though much acquaintance.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Enemies

Guests

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FUTURE

2431 Shallow men speak of the past; wise men of the present; and
fools of the future. —*Mme. du Deffand*

2432 The future is a convenient place for dreams. —*Anatole France*

2433 A single breaker may recede; but the tide is evidently coming in.
—*Macaulay*

2434 What will be, is. —*Austin O'Malley*

2435 Let us be such as help the life of the future. —*Zoroaster*

2436 It isn't enough to safeguard posterity; we must also provide a
posterity to safeguard.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Fate

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Life

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GAMBLING

2441 For most men (till by losing rendered sager)
Will back their own opinions by a wager. —*Byron*

2442 As much is lost by a card too many as a card too few.
—*Cervantes*

2443 Death and the dice level all distinctions. —*Samuel Foote*

2444 Cards were at first for benefits designed,
Sent to amuse, not to enslave the mind. —*Garrick*

- 2445 Could fools to keep their own contrive,
On what, on whom could gamesters thrive? —*John Gay*
- 2446 The strength of Monaco is the weakness of the world.
—*Herbert A. Gibbons*
- 2447 That picture raffles will conduce to nourish
Design, or cause good coloring to flourish,
Admits of logic-chopping and wise-sawing,
For surely lotteries encourage drawing. —*Thomas Hood*
- 2448 Gambling is a disease of barbarians superficially civilized.
—*Dean Inge*
- 2449 I never hear the rattling of dice that it does not sound to me
like the funeral bell of the whole family. —*Douglas Jerrold*
- 2450 If he plays, being young and unskilful,
For shekels of silver or gold,
Take his money, my son, praising Allah:
The kid was ordained to be sold. —*Kipling*
- 2451 It may be that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle
to the strong—but that's the way to bet. —*Damon Runyon*
- 2452 Nothing between human beings is one to three. In fact, I long ago
come to the conclusion that all life is six to five against.
—*Damon Runyon*
- 2453 I must complain the cards are ill shuffled till I have a good hand.
—*Swift*
- 2454 There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate:
when he can't afford it and when he can. —*Mark Twain*
- 2455 Horse sense is what keeps horses from betting on what people will
do.
- 2456 A feather in hand is better than a bird in the air.
- 2457 The best throw with the dice, is to throw them away.
- 2458 Gentlemen, the Queen!
She gazed at us serene,
She filled his flush,
Amidst the hush—
And gathered in the green.

- 2459 Many can pack the cards that cannot play.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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GENEROSITY

- 2461 He that's liberal to all alike, may do a good by chance,
But never out of judgment. —*Beaumont and Fletcher*
- 2462 Liberality consists rather in giving reasonably than much.
—*La Bruyère*
- 2463 What is called liberality is often merely the vanity of giving.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2464 Many men have been capable of doing a wise thing, more a cunning thing, but very few a generous thing. —*Pope*
- 2465 He who refuses nothing, Atticilla, will soon have nothing to refuse. —*Martial*
- 2466 You ask but small favors of your great friends, yet your great friends refuse you even small favors. That you may feel less ashamed, Matho, ask great favors. —*Martial*
- 2467 Boards of public charity were invented by the Devil to prevent real individual charity. —*Austin O'Malley*
- 2468 Feel for others—in your pocket. —*C. H. Spurgeon*
- 2469 Philanthropy seems to me to have become simply the refuge of people who wish to annoy their fellow-creatures.—*Oscar Wilde*
- 2470 Generosity consists not in the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Gifts
Help
Kindness
Selfishness

GENIUS

- 2471 Genius, that power which dazzles mortal eyes,
Is oft but perseverance in disguise. —*Henry W. Austin*
- 2472 If a man can have only one kind of sense, let him have common sense. If he has that and uncommon sense too, he is not far from genius. —*H. W. Beecher*
- 2473 Genius is only patience. —*Buffon*
- 2474 Talent may be in time forgiven, but genius never! —*Byron*
- 2475 A force as of madness in the hands of reason has done all that was ever done in the world. —*Carlyle*
- 2476 Great wits are sure to madness near allied,
And thin partitions do their bounds divide. —*Dryden*

- 2477 Genius is one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration. —*Thomas A. Edison*
- 2478 Every man of genius sees the world at a different angle from his fellows, and there is his tragedy. —*Havelock Ellis*
- 2479 In every work of genius we recognize our own rejected thoughts. —*Emerson*
- 2480 The measure of a master is his success in bringing all men round to his opinion twenty years later. —*Emerson*
- 2481 Great geniuses have the shortest biographies. —*Emerson*
- 2482 Men of genius do not excel in any profession because they labor in it, but they labor in it because they excel. —*Hazlitt*
- 2483 The man whom God wills to slay in the struggle of life He first individualizes. —*Ibsen*
- 2484 A man of genius has been seldom ruined but by himself. —*Johnson*
- 2485 Something more than cleverness is needed to confer immortality on books. A work which is destined to live must have genius. —*Martial*
- 2486 That man is thought a dangerous knave,
Or zealot plotting crime,
Who for advancement of his kind
Is wiser than his time. —*Milnes*
- 2487 He continued to be an infant long after he ceased to be a prodigy. —*Robert Moses*
- 2488 One science only will one genius fit;
So vast is art, so narrow human wit. —*Pope*
- 2489 A great pilot can sail even when his canvas is rent. —*Seneca*
- 2490 It is with rivers as it is with people: the greatest are not always the most agreeable nor the best to live with. —*Henry Van Dyke*
- 2491 He drifts along as his lost Genius becks,
A wreck of Fate, and fated source of wrecks.
- 2492 Talent does things tolerably well; genius does them intolerably better.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Fame
Greatness
Talent
Wisdom

GIFTS

- 2501 One can know nothing of giving aught that is worthy to give
unless one also knows how to take. —*Havelock Ellis*
- 2502 The only gift is a portion of thyself. —*Emerson*
- 2503 It is better to deserve without receiving, than to receive without
deserving. —*Robert Ingersoll*
- 2504 It takes all the fun out of a bracelet if you have to buy it your-
self. —*Peggy Joyce*
- 2505 Presents, I often say, endear absents. —*Lamb*
- 2506 For the will and not the gift makes the giver. —*Lessing*
- 2507 However much a man gives, there is more that he withholds.
—*Martial*
- 2508 You may send poetry to the rich; to poor men give substantial
presents. —*Martial*
- 2509 Since in the house there's not a sou,
There's but one thing to try.
I'll sell the gifts I've had of you,
Dear Regulus. Come, buy! —*Martial*
- 2510 You shameless fellow, Cinna, whatever you ask for you say, "Oh,
it's a mere nothing." Well if it is a mere nothing that you ask
for, Cinna, it is a mere nothing that I refuse. —*Martial*
- 2511 The greatest favor that you can do for me, Cinna, if I ask any-
thing of you; is to give it me; the next, Cinna, to refuse it at
once. I love one who gives, Cinna; I do not hate one who
refuses; but you, Cinna, neither give nor refuse. —*Martial*
- 2512 Athenagoras says he is sorry that he has not sent me the presents
which he usually sends in the middle of December. I shall see,
Faustinus, whether Athenagoras is sorry. Certainly he has
made me sorry. —*Martial*
- 2513 Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind. —*Shakespeare*
- 2514 We like the gift when we the giver prize. —*Sheffield*
- 2515 You must be fit to give before you can be fit to receive.
—*James Stephens*
- 2516 A man's gift makes room for him.

- 2517 The exchange of Christmas presents ought to be reciprocal rather than retaliatory.
- 2518 I send thee this sweet perfume, a fragrance to the fragrant, as one would offer wine to the god of wine.

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Love 3734

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Generosity

Gratitude

GOD

- 2521 What men call accident is God's own part. —*Gamaliel Bailey*
- 2522 God, as some cynic has said, is always on the side which has the best football coach. —*Heywood Broun*
- 2523 If Alexander wishes to be a god, let him set up as a god.
—*Greek epigram*
- 2524 God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 2525 An honest God is the noblest work of man. —*Robert Ingersoll*
- 2526 Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.—*Lincoln*
- 2527 Though the mills of God grind slowly,
Yet they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience he stands waiting,
With exactness grinds he all. —*Longfellow*
- 2528 You've got to git up airy
Ef you want to take in God. —*Lowell*
- 2529 Man is certainly stark mad; he cannot make a worm, and yet he will be making gods by dozens. —*Montaigne*
- 2530 You are not obliged to put on evening clothes to meet God.
—*Austin O'Malley*
- 2531 There are many scapegoats for our sins, but the most popular is Providence. —*Mark Twain*
- 2532 If there were nò God, it would have been necessary to invent Him. —*Voltaire*
- 2533 Men have always made their gods in their own images—the Greeks like the Greeks, the Ethiopians like the Ethiopians.
—*Xenophanes*

- 2534 A God alone can comprehend a God. —*Young*
 2535 Every day God makes silk purses out of sows' ears.
 2536 To most of us it would be very convenient if God were a rascal.
 2537 A perfect God is the creation of a conceited man.
 2538 I believe in the incomprehensibility of God.
 2539 It is not so much God who created Man in His own Image, as every one of us who creates unto himself a God in his own Image.
 2540 God is good to the Irish, but no one else is; not even the Irish.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Atheism
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GOOD

- 2541 It is as hard for the good to suspect evil, as it is for the bad to suspect good. —*Cicero*
 2542 Look round the habitable world: how few
 Know their own good, or knowing it, pursue. —*Dryden*
 2543 The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth,
 and have it found out by accident. —*Lamb*
 2544 There is no man so good, who, were he to submit all thoughts
 and actions to the laws, would not deserve hanging ten times
 in his life. —*Montaigne*
 2545 A man ought to do as well as a horse;
 I wish all men did as well. —*E. P. Roe*
 2546 How far that little candle throws his beams!
 So shines a good deed in a naughty world. —*Shakespeare*
 2547 If you wish the pick of men and women, take a good bachelor and
 a good wife. —*Stevenson*
 2548 Mistrust first impulses, they are always good. —*Talleyrand*

- 2549 Good intentions are, at least, the seed of good actions; and every one ought to sow them, and leave it to the soil and the seasons whether he or any other gather the fruit. —*William Temple*
- 2550 Goodness is the only investment that never fails. —*Thoreau*
- 2551 Gude fowk are scarce, tak' care o' ane.
- 2552 If they say you are good, ask yourself if it be true.
- 2553 Some men are good because they do not dare to be otherwise.
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GOSSIP

- 2561 Dead scandals form good subjects for dissection. —*Byron*
- 2562 In the case of scandal, as in that of robbery, the receiver is always thought as bad as the thief. —*Chesterfield*
- 2563 She has a nice sense of rumor. —*John H. Cutler*
- 2564 Talk of unusual swell of waist
In maid of honor loosely laced. —*Matthew Green*
- 2565 There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it hardly behooves any of us
To talk about the rest of us. —*Edward Hoch*
- 2566 What people say behind your back is your standing in the community. —*E. W. Howe*
- 2567 Gossip is vice enjoyed vicariously. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 2568 Never tell evil of a man, if you do not know it for certainty, and if you know it for a certainty, then ask yourself, "Why should I tell it?" —*Lavater*
- 2569 The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 2570 People like to tell tales. If I take the rap for what they tell me, they'll tell a lot. —*Walter Winchell*
- 2571 Busy souls have no time to be busybodies.
- 2572 It is a matter of peculiar coincidence that great men have made history; great women have merely created gossip.
- 2573 Scandal is the press agent of old age.

- 2574 Half the world knows how the other half ought to live.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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GOVERNMENT

- 2581 Why, O Catullus, why
Do you delay to die?
See Struma Nonius there
Sits in the Curule Chair!
Vatinius, too, that wretch forsworn,
The Consul's office makes a butt for scorn!
When such men are in power—
Why should you live an hour? —*Catullus*
- 2582 Every form of government tends to perish by excess of its basic principle. —*Will Durant*
- 2583 Republics end through luxury; monarchies through poverty. —*Montesquieu*
- 2584 Government, like dress, is the badge of lost innocence. —*Thomas Paine*
- 2585 For forms of government let fools contest.
That which is best administered is best. —*Pope*
- 2586 How a minority,
Reaching majority,
Seizing authority,
Hates a minority. —*L. H. Robbins*
- 2587 Every state that shines is on its decline. —*Rousseau*
- 2588 Society is well governed when the people obey the magistrates,
and the magistrates obey the law. —*Solon*
- 2589 The long word comes only from *parler*, to speak,
As best etymologists trace;
So you see all is *parle* and nothing is *meant*;
Too often the truth of the case. —*On Parliament*
- 2590 Some say that popular government is still only a theory, and it
must be admitted that no one has yet found a government that
is popular.
- 2591 Congress seems to favor a stable Government, judging from the
amount of stalling it does.
- 2592 Almost any system of government will work if the people will.

- 2593 One thing is inevitable: if government continues to fall down the people will rise up.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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Kings
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GRATITUDE

- 2601 Gratitude is a burden, and every burden is made to be shaken off.
—*Diderot*
- 2602 Gratitude is a fruit of great cultivation; you do not find it among gross people.
—*Johnson*
- 2603 A man is very apt to complain of the ingratitude of those who have risen far above him.
—*Johnson*
- 2604 The gratitude of most men is but a secret desire of receiving greater benefits.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2605 The man who is ungrateful is often less to blame than his benefactor.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2606 Too great haste to repay an obligation is a kind of ingratitude.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2607 Every time I fill a vacant office, I make ten malcontents and one ingrate.
—*Louix XIV*
- 2608 A benefit cited by way of reproach is equivalent to an injury.
—*Racine*
- 2609 Evermore thanks, the exchequer of the poor.
—*Shakespeare*
- 2610 Into the well which supplies thee with water, cast no stones.
—*Talmud*
- 2611 If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man.
—*Mark Twain*
- 2612 Gratitude is the conscience of memory.
- 2613 He that requites a benefit pays a great deal.
- 2614 We see more clearly what others fail to do for us than what they actually do.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Debt
Forgetting
Praise

GRAVITY

- 2621 Gravity is only the bark of wisdom's tree, but it preserves it.
—*Confucius*
- 2622 Gravity is the ballast of the soul, which keeps the mind steady.
—*Thomas Fuller*
- 2623 Gravity is a trick of the body devised to conceal deficiencies of the mind.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2624 Gravity is the "safety zone" of stupidity.

RELATED SUBJECT
Conviction

GREATNESS

- 2631 The great of old!
The dead but sceptred sovereigns who still rule
Our spirits from their urns!
—*Byron*
- 2632 The world cannot live at the level of its great men.
—*James G. Frazer*
- 2633 In short, whoever you may be,
To this conclusion you'll agree,
When everyone is somebodee,
Then no one's anybody!
—*W. S. Gilbert*
- 2634 Greatness is so often a courteous synonym for great success.
—*Philip Guedalla*
- 2635 In ways to greatness, think on this,
That slippery all ambition is.
—*Herrick*
- 2636 Great men are rarely isolated mountain peaks; they are the summits of ranges.
—*T. W. Higginson*
- 2637 Great minds have purposes, others have wishes
—*Washington Irving*
- 2638 Great men lose somewhat of their greatness by being near us;
ordinary men gain much.
—*Landor*
- 2639 Great men are meteors designed to burn so that the earth may be lighted.
—*Napoleon*
- 2640 Pathetic attitudes are not in keeping with greatness.—*Nietzsche*
- 2641 The great are only great because we are on our knees. Let us rise!
—*Proudhon*
- 2642 There's hope a great man's memory may outlive his life half a year.
—*Shakespeare*

- 2643 Not that the heavens the little can make great,
But many a man has lived an age too late. —*R. H. Stoddard*
- 2644 Ah vanity of vanities!
How wayward the decrees of fate are,
How very weak the very wise,
How very small the very great are. —*Thackeray*
- 2645 Great men undertake great things because they are great; fools,
because they think them easy. —*Vauvenargues*
- 2646 The prevailin' weakness of most public men is to slop over. G.
Washington never slopt over. —*Artemus Ward*
- 2647 We cry loudly for a man of vision and when we get one we call
him a visionary.
- 2648 Serve a great man, and you will know what sorrow is.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Dignity

Fame

Honor

Power

Reputation

GREED

- 2651 He would skin a flint. —*John Berthelson*
- 2652 So for a good old-gentlemanly vice
I think I must take up with avarice. —*Byron*
- 2653 If you would abolish avarice, you must abolish its mother, luxury.
—*Cicero*
- 2654 Avarice and happiness never saw each other, how then should
they become acquainted? —*Franklin*
- 2655 Avarice, sphincter of the heart. —*Matthew Green*
- 2656 The covetous man is ever in want. —*Horace*
- 2657 Avarice, the spur of industry. —*David Hume*
- 2658 He is one of those wise philanthropists who in a time of famine
would vote for nothing but a supply of toothpicks.
—*Douglas Jerrold*
- 2659 The miser and the pig are of no use till death. —*La Mothe*
- 2660 Avarice is more opposed to economy than liberality is.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2661 Excess of wealth is cause of covetousness. —*Marlowe*

- 2662 Tongilius in fever? I know what he's at:
On the dainties his toadies will send he'd be fat . . .
He must have a hot bath, every doctor's agreed.
Why, you idiots, it isn't a fever: it's greed! —*Martial*
- 2663 The most pitiful'human ailment is a birdseed heart.
—*Wilson Mizner*
- 2664 It is not necessity but abundance which produces avarice.
—*Montaigne*
- 2665 If you were to give him the whole of Great Britain and Ireland
for an estate, he would ask the Isle of Man for a potato garden.
—*Lord North*
- 2666 To greed, all nature is insufficient. —*Seneca*
- 2667 You yourself
Are much condemn'd to have an itching palm. —*Shakespeare*
- 2668 Covetous men's chests are rich, not they.
- 2669 A gross belly does not produce a refined mind.
- 2670 Gold and silver were mingled with dirt, till avarice parted them.
- 2671 No one bull-dog yet could eat
Any other bull-dog's meat;
If you have a good-sized bone,
Let the other dog alone.
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| Modesty 4009 | Jealousy |
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GRIEF

- 2681 It is foolish to pluck out one's hair for sorrow, as if grief could
be assuaged by baldness. —*Bion*
- 2682 You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your
head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your
hair. —*Chinese proverb*
- 2683 A sorrow's crown of sorrow
Is remembering happier things. —*Dante*
- 2684 The hues of bliss more brightly glow,
Chastis'd by sabler tints of woe. —*Thomas Gray*
- 2685 Dionysius of Tarsus. Sixty. Married not.
And O that his father had but chosen the same lot.
—*Greek epigram*
- 2686 Do not mourn the dead with the belly. —*Homer*

- 2687 Hired mourners at a funeral say and do
A little more than they whose grief is true. —*Horace*
- 2688 There are sufferings which sympathy may not make lighter.
—*Lamennais*
- 2689 What we call mourning for our dead is perhaps not so much
grief at not being able to call them back as it is grief at not
being able to want to do so. —*Thomas Mann*
- 2690 Poor mortals we who crave to have it so—
Our grief to be deathless when we are dead. —*Perses, of Thebes*
- 2691 Happiness is beneficial for the body but it is grief that develops
the powers of the mind. —*Marcel Proust*
- 2692 We are healed of a suffering only by experiencing it to the full.
—*Marcel Proust*
- 2693 Ah, why should we wear black for the guests of God?—*Ruskin*
- 2694 Every one can master a grief but he that has it. —*Shakespeare*
- 2695 He that lacks time to mourn, lacks time to mend:
Eternity mourns that. 'Tis an ill cure
For life's worst ills, to have no time to feel them.—*Shakespeare*
- 2696 It is remarkable with what Christian fortitude and resignation
we can bear the suffering of other folks. —*Swift*
- 2697 If misery loves company, misery has company enough.—*Thoreau*
- 2698 Sorrow may be a good thing for a woman's heart, but it is a poor
cosmetic for her face.
- 2699 Sadness is always the legacy of the past; regrets are pains of the
memory.
- 2700 Bitter indeed must be the cup that a smile will not sweeten.

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Inheritance 3136
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RELATED SUBJECTS

Death
Despair
Remorse
Tears
Troubles
Worry

GUESTS

- 2701 People are either born hosts or born guests. —*Max Beerbohm*
- 2702 Many a man who thinks to found a home discovers that he has
merely opened a tavern for his friends. —*Norman Douglas*

- 2703 Ye diners-out from whom we guard our spoons. —*Macaulay*
- 2704 The guest at the lower end of the middle couch, with three hairs on his bald head and his scalp streaked with pigment, who is digging in his big mouth with a toothpick, is a fraud, Aefulanus. He has no teeth. —*Martial*
- 2705 Annius has some two hundred tables, and servants for every table. Dishes run hither and thither, and plates fly about. Such entertainments as these keep to yourselves, ye pompous—I am displeased with a supper that walks. —*Martial*
- 2706 Though you gladly dine at other people's houses, Cantharus, you indulge yourself there in clamor, complaints and threats . . . I advise you: a man cannot be both independent and a glutton. —*Martial*
- 2707 Two miles divide us, which, if I my door
Am once again to reach, amount to four . . .
Two miles to see you, that I do not mind;
Four *not* to see you, all too much I find. —*Martial*
- 2708 You invite me, Gallicus, to eat a wild boar. Instead you place before me a home-fed pig. I am a wild-boar-home-fed-pig, Gallicus, if you can deceive me. —*Martial*
- 2709 You invite no one, Cotta, except those whom you meet at the bath; and the bath alone supplies you with guests. I used to wonder why you had never asked me, Cotta. I know now: my appearance in a state of nature was unpleasing in your eyes. —*Martial*
- 2710 Last night I had invited you—after some fifty glasses, I suppose, had been despatched—to sup with me today. You immediately thought your fortune was made, and took note of my unsobber words, with a precedent but too dangerous. I hate a boon companion whose memory is good, Procillus. —*Martial*
- 2711 Nobody lodges in your house unless he be rich and childless. No one, Sosibianus, lets lodgings more profitably. —*Martial*
- 2712 Varus did lately me to supper call,
The table sumptuous was, the supper small;
Loaden it was with weight of gold, not meat;
Much to be seen was served, little to eat;
Varus, our mouths, not our eyes, to feast we're here;
Take hence thy plate, or fill with better cheer. —*Martial*
- 2713 I'm annoyed, my Lupercus; for ages your friend
Uninvited to dinner you've kept.
I shall take my revenge. You may beg, coax, and send—
"Well? And what will you do?" Why, accept. —*Martial*

- 2714 The perfumes at your board last night
 Were exquisite, I won't deny it,
 But we were starved, we were, outright,
 For meat, we could no how come by it.
- The height of farce it is, I ween,
 To be so perfumed and anointed,
 And when one's appetite's most keen,
 To have it thus most disappointed. —*Martial*
- 2715 You ask me to dinner and say there will be
 Three hundred at table, all strangers to me,
 And because I refuse you're surprised and make moan.
 Why Fabullus, I don't relish dining alone. —*Martial*
- 2716 Philo declares he never dines at home,
 And that is no exaggeration:
 He has no place whereat to dine in Rome,
 Unless he hooks an invitation. —*Martial*
- 2717 Fish and guests smell at three days old.
- 2718 Unbidden guests are welcomest when they are gone.
- 2719 It is a sin against hospitality, to open your doors, and shut up
 your countenance.

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 Drinking 1742
 Eating 1771, 1776
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RELATED SUBJECTS

Drinking
 Eating
 Friend
 Home
 Inns

GUILT

- 2721 Guilt has very quick ears to an accusation. —*Fielding*
- 2722 Successful guilt is the bane of society. —*Publilius Syrus*
- 2723 So full of artless jealousy is guilt,
 It spills itself in fearing to be spilt. —*Shakespeare*
- 2724 There is no refuge from confession but suicide; and suicide is
 confession. —*Daniel Webster*
- 2725 Thy hands are washed, but, O, the water's spilt,
 That laboured to have washed thy guilt:
 The flood, if any be that can suffice
 Must have its fountain in thine eyes.

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Conscience
Crime
Law
Punishment
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HABIT

- 2731 Chaos often breeds life, when order breeds habit.—*Henry Adams*
- 2732 Habit with him was all the test of truth;
"It must be right, I've done it from my youth." —*Crabbe*
- 2733 The wise man does no wrong in changing his habits with the
times. —*Dionysius Cato*
- 2734 Each year, one vicious habit rooted out, in time ought to make
the worst man good. —*Franklin*
- 2735 Mankind are apt to be strongly prejudiced in favour of whatever
is countenanced by antiquity, enforced by authority, and re-
commended by custom. —*Hall*
- 2736 The secret of managing a man is to let him have his way in little
things. He will change his life when he won't change his boot-
maker. —*John Oliver Hobbs*
- 2737 Custom meets us at the cradle and leaves us only at the tomb.
—*Robert Ingersoll*
- 2738 We are never so ridiculous from the habits we have as from
those we affect to have. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2739 Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day, and at last
we cannot break it. —*Horace Mann*
- 2740 Celibates replace sentiment by habits. —*George Moore*
- 2741 Fixed as a habit or some darling sin. —*Oldham*
- 2742 Resist beginnings: it is too late to employ medicine when the evil
has grown strong by inveterate habit. —*Ovid*
- 2743 They that live in a trading street are not disturbed at the passage
of carts. —*Steele*
- 2744 Habit is habit and not to be flung out of the window by any man,
but coaxed downstairs a step at a time. —*Mark Twain*

- 2745 Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits.
—*Mark Twain*
- 2746 Custom governs the world; it is the tyrant of our feeling and our manners, and rules us with the imperious hand of a despot.
- 2747 Man is a creature of habit; God made him first—he is his second creator.
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| Anger 245 | Change |
| Character 706 | |
| Liberty 3498 | |
| Politics 4504 | |
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HANGING

- 2751 His whole life is an epigram smart, smooth and neatly penned,
Plaited quite neat to catch applause, with a hangnoose at the end.
—*Blake*
- 2752 'Tis ill talking of halters in the house of a man that was hanged.
—*Cervantes*
- 2753 I think I will not hang myself to-day.
—*Chesterton*
- 2754 Ay, we must all hang together, else we shall all hang separately.
—*Franklin*
- 2755 He that hath one of his family hanged, may not say to his neighbor, "Hang up this fish."
- 2756 A hangman is a good trade, he doth his work by daylight.
- 2757 He rises o'er early that is hang'd ere noon.
- 2758 The thief is sorry he is to be hanged, not that he is a thief.
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| SEE ALSO | RELATED SUBJECTS |
| Fate 2158 | Crime |
| Lies 3546 | Justice |
| | Punishment |

HAPPINESS

- 2761 The long days are no happier than the short ones.
—*Philip J. Bailey*
- 2762 Happiness sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open.
—*John Barrymore*
- 2763 If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it, as the old woman did her lost spectacles, safe on her own nose all the time.
—*Josh Billings*

- 2764 All who joy would win
Must share it—happiness was born a twin. —*Byron*
- 2765 Gayety is often the reckless ripple over depths of despair.
—*E. H. Chapin*
- 2766 I am more and more impressed with the duty of finding happiness.
—*George Eliot*
- 2767 Human felicity is produc'd not so much by great pieces of good fortune that seldom happen, as by little advantages that occur every day.
—*Franklin*
- 2768 But mortal bliss will never come sincere;
Pleasure may lead, but grief brings up the rear.
—*Greek epigram*
- 2769 There is even a happiness
That makes the heart afraid. —*Thomas Hood*
- 2770 Have you not sometimes seen happiness?
Yes, the happiness of others. —*Arsène Houssaye*
- 2771 He who can conceal his joys, is greater than he who can hide his griefs.
—*Lavater*
- 2772 Happiness, to some elation, is to others, mere stagnation.
—*Amy Lowell*
- 2773 To be happy is only to have freed one's soul from the unrest of unhappiness.
—*Maeterlinck*
- 2774 Happiness is rarely absent; it is we that know not of its presence.
—*Maeterlinck*
- 2775 Who would have known of Hector, if Troy had been happy?
—*Ovid*
- 2776 Many people enjoy nothing of their happiness, but the fear of losing it.
—*Rivarol*
- 2777 One is only happy before he is happy.
—*Rousseau*
- 2778 A merry heart goes all the day,
Your sad tires in a mile-a. —*Shakespeare*
- 2779 A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it: it would be hell on earth.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 2780 The secret of being miserable is to have leisure to bother about whether you are happy or not.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 2781 Eat with the Rich, but go to the play with the Poor, who are capable of Joy.
—*Logan Pearsall Smith*

- 2782 The world is so full of a number of things,
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings. —*Stevenson*
- 2783 To me there is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of
being happy. —*Stevenson*
- 2784 Joy is not in things; it is in us. —*Wagner*
- 2785 Happiness is no laughing matter. —*Richard Whately*
- 2786 Woman's happiness begins with her first love and ends about then.
- 2787 One must be perfectly stupid to be perfectly unhappy.
- 2788 Happiness is tranquil—pleasure riotous; happiness is apologetic—
pleasure blatant.
- 2789 A man of gladness seldom falls into madness.
- 2790 One of the indictments of civilization is that happiness and intel-
ligence are so rarely found in the same person.

SEE ALSO

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Deception 1434
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RELATED SUBJECTS

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HARDSHIP

- 2791 Prosperity is the blessing of the Old Testament; adversity is the
blessing of the New. —*Bacon*
- 2792 Calamity is man's true touchstone. —*Beaumont and Fletcher*
- 2793 A cobweb is as good as the mightiest cable when there is no
strain upon it. —*H. W. Beecher*
- 2794 If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.
—*Bible*
- 2795 Adversity is the first path to truth. —*Byron*
- 2796 Calamity is the perfect glass wherein we truly see and know
ourselves. —*Sir William D'Avenant*
- 2797 Bad times have a scientific value. These are occasions a good
learner would not miss. —*Emerson*
- 2798 The times are not so bad as they seem; they couldn't be.
—*Jay Franklin*

- 2799 Half a calamity is better than a whole one.—*Lawrence of Arabia*
- 2800 In the adversity of our best friends we often find something that is not exactly displeasing. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 2801 Adversity reminds men of religion. —*Livy*
- 2802 No man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today, that the weight is more than a man can bear. —*George Macdonald*
- 2803 In adversity a man is saved by hope. —*Menander*
- 2804 No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown. —*William Penn*
- 2805 Behold a thing worthy of a God, a brave man matched in conflict with adversity. —*Seneca*
- 2806 Gold is tried by fire, brave men by adversity. —*Seneca*
- 2807 Adversity finds at last the man whom she has often passed by. —*Seneca*
- 2808 The worst is not
So long as we can say, "This is the worst." —*Shakespeare*
- 2809 He is not worthy of the honeycomb
That shuns the hive because the bees have stings. —*Shakespeare*
- 2810 O benefit of ill! now I find true
That better is by evil still made better. —*Shakespeare*
- 2811 Every wind is fair
When we are flying from misfortune. —*Sophocles*
- 2812 The Lord gets his best soldiers out of the highlands of affliction. —*C. H. Spurgeon*
- 2813 Adversity makes a man wise, though not rich.
- 2814 Who speaks of insignificant incidents as misfortunes, suffers as much as if they were disaster.
- 2815 A man ever supports great and inevitable misfortunes with more calmness and resignation than trifling accidents.
- 2816 Sweet are the uses of adversity to the party it doesn't happen to.
- 2817 A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Danger
Disappointment
Grief
Poverty

HASTE

- 2821 He is invariably in a hurry. Being in a hurry is one of the tributes he pays to life. —*Elizabeth A. Bibesco*
- 2822 Sir Amice Pawlett, when he saw too much haste made in any matter, was wont to say, "Stay a while, that we may make an end the sooner." —*Bacon*
- 2823 Ther nis no werkman, what-so-ever he be,
That may bothe werke wel and hastily. —*Chaucer*
- 2824 No man who is in a hurry is quite civilized. —*Will Durant*
- 2825 In skating over thin ice our safety is our speed. —*Emerson*
- 2826 Who eat their corn while yet 'tis green,
At the true harvest can but glean. —*Saadi*
- 2827 He gets through too late who goes too fast. —*Publilius Syrus*
- 2828 To go as fast as a friar that is invited to dinner.

SEE ALSO
Courtship 1170
Deception 1441
Marriage 3852

RELATED SUBJECT
Patience

HATE

- 2831 I do not love thee, Doctor Fell,
The reason why I cannot tell;
But this alone I know full well,
I do not love thee, Doctor Fell. —*Thomas Brown*
- 2832 I hate, yet love: you ask how this may be.
Who knows? I feel its truth and agony. —*Catullus*
- 2833 Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned,
Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned. —*Congreve*
- 2834 I don't like you, Sabidius. I cannot say why. All I can say is this:
I don't like you. —*Martial*
- 2835 Hatred, as well as love, renders its votaries credulous. —*Rousseau*
- 2836 'Tis a human trait to hate one you have wronged. —*Seneca*
- 2837 Savageness is always due to a sense of weakness. —*Seneca*
- 2838 I do desire we may be better strangers. —*Shakespeare*
- 2839 There is no sport in hate when all the rage
Is on one side. —*Shelley*

2840 Hate and mistrust are the children of blindness.
—*William Watson*

2841 As the best wine makes the sharpest vinegar, so the deepest love
turns to the deadliest hatred.

SEE ALSO

Contempt 994

Epitaphs 1883

RELATED SUBJECTS

Anger

Contempt

Enemies

Jealousy

Revenge

HEALTH

2851 "'Tis not *her* coldness, father,
That chills my laboring breast;
It's that confounded cucumber
I've ate and can't digest. —*R. H. Barham*

2852 Indigestion is—that inward fate
Which makes all Styx through one small liver flow. —*Byron*

2853 Indigestion is charged by God with enforcing morality on the
stomach. —*Victor Hugo*

2854 You fall sick ten times or more in the course of a year, a practice
which inconveniences, not yourself, Polycharmus, but us. For
every time you leave your bed you exact the customary presents
of congratulations from your friends. Have some consideration:
fall sick at length, Polycharmus, once for all. —*Martial*

2855 A great step towards independence is a good-humored stomach.
—*Seneca*

2856 I have no relish for the country; it is a kind of healthy grave.
—*Sydney Smith*

2857 Rheumatism has kept many people on the right path of life.

SEE ALSO

Character 717

Poverty 4580

Wealth 5791

RELATED SUBJECTS

Body

Doctors

Life

Medicine

Sickness

HEAVEN

2861 And in that Heaven of all their wish,
There shall be no more land, say fish. —*Rupert Brooke*

2862 All places are distant from heaven alike. —*Burton*

2863 All the way to heaven is heaven. —*Canon Farrar*

2864 A Persian's heaven is easily made:
'Tis but black eyes and lemonade. —*Moore*

2865 Taking the first footstep with a good thought, the second with a good word, and the third with a good deed, I entered Paradise. —*Zoroaster*

2866 A good key is necessary to enter Paradise.

SEE ALSO

Beauty 350

Death 1323

Man 3815

Money 4050

Passion 4311

Wealth 5800

RELATED SUBJECTS

God

World

HELP

2871 He too serves a certain purpose who only stands and cheers. —*Henry Adams*

2872 No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to any one else. —*Dickens*

2873 What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to each other? —*George Eliot*

2874 Is not a patron, my lord (Chesterfield), one who looks with unconcern on a man struggling for life in the water, and when he has reached ground encumbers him with help? —*Johnson*

2875 *Patron*: Commonly a wretch who supports with insolence, and is paid with flattery. —*Johnson*

2876 Keeping from falling, is better than helping up.

2877 To believe in men is the first step toward helping them.

SEE ALSO

Advice 106

Prayer 4603

RELATED SUBJECTS

Charity

Kindness

Selfishness

HERO

2881 When ye build yer triumphal arch to yer conquerin' hero, Hinnissey, build it out of bricks so the people will have somethin' convanient to throw at him as he passes through.—*F. P. Dunne*

2882 Every hero becomes a bore at last. —*Emerson*

2883 No man is a hero to his valet. This is not because the hero is no hero, but because the valet is a valet. —*Hegel*

2884 He who aspires to be a hero must drink brandy. —*Johnson*

2885 Hail, ye indomitable heroes, hail!
 Despite of all your generals ye prevail. —*W. S. Landor*

2886 No one is a hero to his valet. —*Mme. de Sevigné*

SEE ALSO
 Wealth 5776

RELATED SUBJECTS
 Courage
 Fame
 Martyr
 Sacrifice

HISTORY

2891 Happy the people whose annals are blank in history-books.
 —*Carlyle*

2892 All the historical books which contain no lies are extremely tedious.
 —*Anatole France*

2893 Before us men have flourished just as we
 Now flourish: others yet again shall be
 Whose generations we shall never see. —*Greek epigram*

2894 It is not deeds or acts that last: it is the written record of those
 deeds and acts. —*Elbert Hubbard*

2895 The only good histories are those that have been written by the
 persons themselves who commanded in the affairs whereof
 they write. —*Montaigne*

2896 History is merely gossip. —*Oscar Wilde*

2897 History is what enables each nation to use the other fellow's past
 record as an alibi.

SEE ALSO
 Age 136
 Beauty 371
 Christianity 802
 Difficulty 1594
 Man 3814
 Prophecy 4704
 Women 5975

RELATED SUBJECTS
 America
 Ancestors
 Books
 Memory

HOME

2901 A house is no home unless it contain food and fire for the mind
 as well as for the body. —*Margaret Fuller*

2902 The man who has a house everywhere has a home nowhere.
 —*Martial*

2903 Eretrians, of Euboa; and at Susa; buried here.
 Exiles learn how far home is—and how dear! —*Plato*

- 2904 A man without an address is a vagabond.
A man with two addresses is a libertine. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 2905 A hundred men can make an encampment, but it requires a woman to make a home.
- 2906 Home, to the small boy, is merely a filling station.
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| SEE ALSO | RELATED SUBJECTS |
| Charity 736 | Family |
| Inn 3153 | Marriage |

HONESTY

- 2911 He who says there is no such thing as an honest man, you may be sure is himself a knave. —*Bishop Berkeley*
- 2912 Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one rascal less in the world. —*Carlyle*
- 2913 He hath freedom whoso beareth clean and constant heart within. —*Ennius*
- 2914 A shady business never yields a sunny life. —*B. C. Forbes*
- 2915 As innocent as a new-laid egg. —*W. S. Gilbert*
- 2916 In this Age, when it is said of a man, "He knows *how to live*," it may be implied he is not very honest. —*Lord Halifax*
- 2917 If he does really think that there is no distinction between vice and virtue, when he leaves our houses let us count our spoons. —*Johnson*
- 2918 To strictest justice many ills belong,
And honesty is often in the wrong. —*Lucan*
- 2919 Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect. —*Marcus Aurelius*
- 2920 I'd rather know a square guy than own a square mile. —*Wilson Mizner*
- 2921 God defend me from being an honest man according to the description which every day I see made by each man to his own glorification. —*Montaigne*
- 2922 A wit's a feather, and a chief a rod;
An honest man's the noblest work of God. —*Pope*
- 2923 I thank God, I am as honest as any man living, that is an old man and no honestest than I. —*Shakespeare*
- 2924 The only disadvantage of an honest heart is credulity. —*Philip Sidney*

- 2925 He never sold the truth to serve the hour. —*Tennyson*
 2926 He that steals an egg will steal an ox.
 2927 It is not a sin to sell dear, but it is to make ill measure.
 2928 An honest man is one who is always one step behind opportunity.
 2929 Honesty is not the best policy—merely the safest.
 2930 Every honest man secretly welcomes a press agent.
 2931 Man's honesty is a cowardly attempt to establish a safe precedent.
 2932 When a man repeats a promise again and again, he means to fail you.

SEE ALSO
 Politics 4485

RELATED SUBJECTS
 Character
 Cheating
 Honor
 Sincerity
 Temptation
 Trust

HONOR

- 2941 One of the greatest sources of suffering is to have an inborn sense of honor. —*De Casseres*
 2942 Woman's honor is nice as ermine; it will not bear a soil.—*Dryden*
 2943 Honor is not a matter of any man's calling merely, but rather of his own actions in it. —*Dwight*
 2944 Honor is but an itch in youthful blood
 Of doing acts extravagantly good. —*Samuel Howard*
 2945 The difference between a moral man and a man of honor is that the latter regrets a discreditable act even when it has worked. —*Mencken*
 2946 Honor, the spur that pricks the princely mind. —*Peele*
 2947 Honor and shame from no condition rise;
 Act well your part, there all the honor lies. —*Pope*

SEE ALSO
 Money 4040
 Prophecy 4702

RELATED SUBJECTS
 Dignity
 Fame
 Greatness
 Honesty
 Oath
 Reputation

HOPE

- 2951 Hope warps judgment in council, but quickens energy in action.
—*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 2952 Hope! of all ills that men endure,
The only cheap and universal cure. —*Cowley*
- 2953 Hope is the gay, skylarking pajamas we wear over yesterday's
bruises. —*De Casseres*
- 2954 To the last moment of his breath,
On hope the wretch relies;
And even the pang preceding death
Bids expectation rise. —*Goldsmith*
- 2955 Hope is the poor man's bread. —*George Herbert*
- 2956 There is nothing so well known as that we should not expect
something for nothing—but we all do and call it Hope.
—*E. W. Howe*
- 2957 The triumph of hope over experience.
—*Johnson, in comment on a hasty second marriage*
- 2958 We speak of hope; but is not hope only a more gentle name for
fear? —*L. E. Landon*
- 2959 One does not expect in this world; one hopes and pays carfares.
—*Josephine P. Peabody*
- 2960 Hope springs eternal in the human breast:
Man never is, but always to be, blest. —*Pope*
- 2961 Hope is but the dream of those that wake. —*Prior*
- 2962 Patience is the art of hoping. —*Vauvenargues*
- 2963 There are no hopeless situations; there are only men who have
grown hopeless about them.
- 2964 He that lives on hope has but a slender diet.
- 2965 A good hope is better than a bad possession.
- 2966 Free hope from fear and you become a dreamer.
- 2967 Wishes are the echo of a lazy will.
- 2968 None without hope e'er loved the brightest fair;
But love can hope where reason would despair.

SEE ALSO
Belief 458
Hardship 2803
Travel 5474

RELATED SUBJECTS
Desire
Faith
Optimism

HUMILITY

- 2971 Extremes meet, and there is no better example than the haughtiness of humility. —*Emerson*
- 2972 Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength. —*St. Francis de Sales*
- 2973 You've no idea what a poor opinion I have of myself, and how little I deserve it. —*W. S. Gilbert*
- 2974 He who admits that he, himself, is a worm ought not to complain when he is trodden on. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 2975 It's goin' t' be fun t' watch an' see how long th' meek kin keep the earth after they inherit it. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 2976 One may be humble out of pride. —*Montaigne*
- 2977 Be humble or you'll stumble. —*Dwight L. Moody*
- 2978 Humility is pride in God. —*Austin O'Malley*
- 2979 It is easy to look down on others; to look down on ourselves is the difficulty. —*Peterborough*
- 2980 Humility is a virtue all preach, none practice; and yet everybody is content to hear. —*John Selden*
- 2981 Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self. —*C. H. Spurgeon*
- 2982 The meek may inherit the earth, but they'll cease being meek as soon as they come into their inheritance.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Modesty
Self-Denial

HUNGER

- 2991 There's no sauce in the world like hunger. —*Cervantes*
- 2992 An empty stomach is not a good political adviser. —*Einstein*
- 2993 Hungry rooster don't cackle w'en he fine a wum. —*Joel Chandler Harris*
- 2994 Hunger is insolent, and will be fed. —*Homer*
- 2995 The belly is the commanding part of the body. —*Homer*
- 2996 He who does not mind his belly will hardly mind anything else. —*Johnson*
- 2997 Any of us would kill a cow rather than not have beef. —*Johnson*
- 2998 No clock is more regular than the Belly. —*Rabelais*

- 2999 The eye is bigger than the belly.
 3000 An empty belly hears nobody.
 3001 The way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

SEE ALSO
 Justice 3248

RELATED SUBJECTS
 Begging
 Eating
 Poverty

HUSBAND

- 3011 A woman who has made fun of her husband can love him no more. —*Balzac*
 3012 The mate for beauty should be a man, and not a money-chest. —*Bulwer-Lytton*
 3013 But, oh! ye lords of ladies intellectual,
 Inform us truly—have they not henpeck'd you all? —*Byron*
 3014 A husband is always a sensible man; he never thinks of marrying. —*Dumas*
 3015 A master of a house, as I have read,
 Must be the first man up, and the last in bed. —*Robert Herrick*
 3016 The lover in the husband may be lost. —*Lord Lyttleton*
 3017 Galla, you ask why I'll not marry thee?
 Galla, you are, too learned far for me.
 A consort so correct I cannot take:
 For I, as husband, oft might solecisms make. —*Martial*
 3018 You set a watch upon your husband, Polla: you refuse to have any
 set upon yourself. This, Polla, is making a wife of your husband. —*Martial*
 3019 On the tombs of her seven husbands the notorious Chloe placed
 the inscription: "The Work of Chloe." How frank! —*Martial*
 3020 So great is the modesty of your mind and face, Sophronius, that I
 wonder you should ever have become a father. —*Martial*
 3021 Milo abroad, one wonder all declare:
 His lands lie fallow, yet his wife can bear.
 The contrast strange some deep diviners scan:
 She has, tho' they have not, a husbandman. —*Martial*
 3022 The only time that most women give their orating husbands undivided
 attention is when the old boys mumble in their sleep. —*Wilson Mizner*
 3023 A husband is a plaster that cures all the ills of girlhood. —*Molière*

- 3024 What could he know of sky and stars, or heaven's all-hidden life,
Who did not see in his own house the knave that kissed his wife.
—*Saadi*
- 3025 Better have an old man to humor than a young rake to break
your heart.
- 3026 Most women have a good deal of pity for some other woman's
husband.
- 3027 There are men designed by nature to be husbands—of men, they
are the tamest.
- 3028 A reformed rake makes the best husband.
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| SEE ALSO | RELATED SUBJECTS |
| Beauty 388 | Family |
| Maid 3788 | Marriage |
| Sailors 4923 | Wife |

HYPOCRISY

- 3031 Great hypocrites are the real atheists. —*Bacon*
- 3032 But here I say the Turks were much mistaken
Who, hating hogs, yet wished to save their bacon. —*Byron*
- 3033 Behavior which appears superficially correct but is intrinsically
corrupt always irritates those who see below the surface.
—*James Bryant Conant*
- 3034 Better make penitents by gentleness than hypocrites by severity.
—*St. Francis de Sales*
- 3035 No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to him-
self, and another to the multitude, without finally getting be-
wildered as to which may be the true. —*Hawthorne*
- 3036 We are not hypocrites in our sleep. —*Hazlitt*
- 3037 It is no fault of Christianity if a hypocrite falls into sin.
—*St. Jerome*
- 3038 Hypocrisy is a homage vice pays to virtue. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3039 He reminds me of the man who murdered both his parents, and
then, when sentence was about to be pronounced, pleaded for
mercy on the grounds that he was an orphan. —*Lincoln*
- 3040 O, what may man within him hide,
Though angel on the outward side! —*Shakespeare*
- 3041 May the man be damned and never grow fat, who wears two
faces under one hat.
- 3042 Hypocrisy: a lie in action—the legacy of indecency.

3043 Crows bewail the dead sheep, and then eat them.

3044 No rogue like the godly rogue.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Deception

Lies

Sincerity

I

IDEALISM

3051 The attainment of an ideal is often the beginning of a disillusion.
—*Stanley Baldwin*

3052 No folly is more costly than the folly of intolerant idealism.
—*Winston Churchill*

3053 An idealist is a person who helps other people to be prosperous.
—*Henry Ford*

3054 Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem.
—*Galsworthy*

3055 If I cannot realize my Ideal, I can at least idealize my Real.
—*W. C. Gannett*

3056 Words without actions are the assassins of idealism.
—*Herbert Hoover*

3057 Ideals are like the stars—we never reach them, but like the mariners of the sea, we chart our course by them. —*Carl Schurz*

3058 When they come downstairs from their Ivory Towers, Idealists are apt to walk straight into the gutter.—*Logan Pearsall Smith*

3059 An uncompromising ideal gives one a sense of uncomfortable satisfaction.

3060 We are an idealistic people and we'll make any sacrifice for a cause that won't hurt business.

SEE ALSO

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Character

Faith

Good

Honor

IDEAS

3061 One of the greatest pains to human nature is the pain of a new idea.
—*Walter Bagehot*

- 3062 A city (Paris) where great ideas perish, done to death by a witticism. —*Balzac*
- 3063 Only the wise possess ideas; the greater part of mankind are possessed by them. —*Coleridge*
- 3064 Grey is the color of all theory. —*Goethe*
- 3065 An Idea isn't responsible for the people who believe in it. —*Don Marquis*
- 3066 It is certainly not the least charm of a theory that it is refutable. —*Nietzsche*
- 3067 For an idea ever to be fashionable is ominous, since it must afterwards be always old-fashioned. —*Santayana*

SEE ALSO

Soul 5167

Teaching 5294, 5295, 5301

RELATED SUBJECTS

Knowledge

Thought

IDLENESS

- 3071 The terrible burden of having nothing to do. —*Boileau*
- 3072 Idleness is an appendix to nobility. —*Burton*
- 3073 It is better to play than do nothing. —*Confucius*
- 3074 An idler is a watch that wants both hands,
As useless if it goes as if it stands. —*Cowper*
- 3075 Th' feller that sets on a store box with his mouth full of scrap
terbacker while his wife is at home sewin' fer a livin' knows
jist exactly how t' regulate th' railroads. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 3076 It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty
of work to do. —*Jerome K. Jerome*
- 3077 Wherever you run up against me, Postumus, you call out immediately: "How do you do?" These are your first words: you say them if you meet me ten times in the course of an hour. *Do*, indeed. I suppose you have nothing to do. —*Martial*
- 3078 You declaim prettily, Attalus; you plead causes prettily; you write pretty histories, pretty epigrams. You are a pretty grammarian, a pretty astrologer. You sing prettily, Attalus, and you dance prettily. You are a pretty hand with the lyre, a pretty hand with the ball. Since you do nothing well, and yet everything prettily, shall I tell you what you are? You are a great busybody. —*Martial*
- 3079 Idleness is the stupidity of the body, and stupidity is the idleness of the mind. —*Seume*

- 3080 He is not only idle who does nothing but he is idle who might be better employed. —*Socrates*
- 3081 Shun idleness, it is the rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals. —*Voltaire*
- 3082 An idle fellow is a good fellow; work saps not only a man's energy but his kindness as well.
- 3083 The only nation capable of licking the world is stagnation.
- 3084 Stand still and silently watch the world go by—and it will.

RELATED SUBJECTS.

Delay

Laziness

Work

IGNORANCE

- 3091 Ignorance is the night of the mind, but a night without moon or star. —*Confucius*
- 3092 Ignorance never settles a question. —*Disraeli*
- 3093 In order to have wisdom we must have ignorance. —*Theodore Dreiser*
- 3094 Ignorance of one's misfortunes is clear gain. —*Euripides*
- 3095 By ignorance is pride increased;
Those most assume who know the least. —*John Gay*
- 3096 Where ignorance is bliss,
'Tis folly to be wise. —*Thomas Gray*
- 3097 Ignorance gives a sort of eternity to prejudice, and perpetuity to error. —*Robert Hall*
- 3098 Where ignorance is bliss it's foolish to borrow your neighbor's newspaper. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 3099 Ignorance is preferable to error; and he is less remote from truth who believes nothing, than he who believes what is wrong. —*Jefferson*
- 3100 From ignorance our comfort flows,
The only wretched are the wise. —*Prior*
- 3101 A jury is a group of twelve people of average ignorance. —*Spencer*
- 3102 Horace he has by many different hands,
But not one Horace that he understands.
- 3103 Innocence plays in the back yard of ignorance.

- 3104 He that boasts of his own knowledge proclaims his ignorance.

SEE ALSO

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Mistakes 3999

Silence 5041

RELATED SUBJECTS

Knowledge

Prejudice

Stupidity

ILLUSION

- 3111 No man is happy without a delusion of some kind. Delusions are as necessary to our happiness as realities. —*C. N. Bovée*
- 3112 Better a dish of illusion and a hearty appetite for life, than a feast of reality and indigestion therewith. —*H. A. Overstreet*
- 3113 The unknown always seems sublime. *Tacitus*
- 3114 Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live. —*Mark Twain*
- 3115 If it weren't for our illusions we'd be free from deceptions, and life free from any interests.
- 3116 Illusions are the mirages of Hope.
- 3117 There are mortgages on every castle in the air.
- 3118 It is a sign of passing youth when man begins to check up on his illusions.

SEE ALSO

Age 173

Beauty 379

Experience 2019

Marriage 3894

Wisdom 5910

RELATED SUBJECTS

Error

Imagination

Mistakes

IMAGINATION

- 3121 That minister of ministers,
Imagination, gathers up
The undiscovered universe,
Like jewels in a jasper cup. —*John Davidson*
- 3122 To know is nothing at all; to imagine is everything. —*Anatole France*
- 3123 Were it not for imagination, Sir, a man would be as happy in the arms of a chambermaid as of a Duchess. —*Johnson*
- 3124 Fancy rules over two thirds of the universe, the past and future, while reality is confined to the present. —*J. P. Richter*
- 3125 The lunatic, the lover, and the poet are, of imagination all compact. —*Shakespeare*

- 3126 Castles in the air are all right until we try to move into them.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Facts

Fear

Illusion

INHERITANCE

- 3131 The fool inherits, but the wise must get. —*William Cartwright*
- 3132 Say not you know another entirely, till you have divided an inheritance with him. —*Lavater*
- 3133 A son could bear complacently the death of his father, while the loss of his inheritance might drive him to despair.
—*Machiavelli*
- 3134 Maro, you'll give me nothing while you live,
But, after death, you cry, then, then, you'll give;
If thou art not indeed turn'd arrant ass,
Thou know'st what I desire to come to pass. —*Martial*
- 3135 Fabius has bequeathed you nothing, Bithynicus, although you used to present him yearly, if I remember right, with six thousand sesterces . . . (By dying) he has at least saved you six thousand sesterces a year. —*Martial*
- 3136 If you want him to mourn, you had best leave him nothing.
—*Martial*
- 3137 Happy always was it for that son
Whose father for his hoarding went to hell. —*Shakespeare*
- 3138 The tears of an heir are laughter under a mask.
—*Publilius Syrus*
- 3139 To inherit property is not to be born—is to be still-born, rather.
—*Thoreau*
- 3140 He is no great heir that inherits not his ancestor's virtues.

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Humility 2975, 2982

RELATED SUBJECTS

Lawyers

Money

Wealth

INJURY

- 3141 The injuries we do and those we suffer are seldom weighed in the same scales. —*Aesop*
- 3142 He who has suffer'd you to impose on him, knows you. —*Blake*
- 3143 Christianity commands us to pass by injuries; policy, to let them pass by us. —*Franklin*

- 3144 He who has injured thee was either stronger or weaker. If weaker, spare him; if stronger, spare thyself. —*Seneca*
- 3145 Whom they have injured they also hate. —*Seneca*

RELATED SUBJECTS

Fight
Insult
Pain

INNS

- 3151 A tavern is a house kept for those who are not housekeepers. —*Chatfield*
- 3152 There is nothing which has yet been contrived by man by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern or inn. —*Johnson*
- 3153 The great advantage of a hotel is that it's a refuge from home life. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 3154 Take the din out of dinner and put the rest in restaurant. —*Henry J. Spooner*
- 3155 Taverns are places where madness is sold by the bottle. —*Swift*
- 3156 He goes not out of his way, that goes to a good inn.

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Guests 2702

RELATED SUBJECTS
Drinking
Eating
Guests

INSULTS

- 3161 When Mr. Wilbur calls his play *Halfway to Hell*, he underestimates the distance. —*Brooks Atkinson*
- 3162 His face looks like a slateful of wrong answers. —*"Bugs" Baer, of Firpo*
- 3163 *Perfectly Scandalous* was one of those plays in which all of the actors unfortunately enunciated very clearly. —*Robert Benchley*
- 3164 You, Silo, rude and surly? Zounds!
Deliver back my fifty pounds,
And then you may, for aught I care,
Be rude and surly—if you dare!
But, pray, while pimping is your trade,
Remember, sir, for what you're paid,
And keep, whate'er may lurk beneath,
A civil tongue within your teeth! —*Catullus*
- 3165 An injury is much sooner forgiven than an insult. —*Chesterfield*

- 3166 He who allows himself to be insulted deserves to be.—*Corneille*
- 3167 A viper stung a Cappadocian's hide,
And poisoned by his blood that instant died. —*Demodocus*
- 3168 A gentleman will not insult me, and no man not a gentleman can
insult me. —*Frederick Douglass*
- 3169 The way to procure insults is to submit to them. —*Hazlitt*
- 3170 It is better a man should be abused than forgotten. —*Johnson*
- 3171 I could do without your face, Chloe, and without your neck, and
your hands, and your limbs, and, to save myself the trouble of
mentioning the points in detail, I could do without you alto-
gether. —*Martial*
- 3172 You are an informer, a calumniator, a forger, a secret agent, a
slave to the unclean, and a trainer of gladiators. I wonder,
Vacerra, why you have no money. —*Martial*
- 3173 You ask me, Linus, what my field
Out at Nomentum is to yield?
Well, this it yields to me: the view,
My Linus, has no sign of you. —*Martial*
- 3174 Clearinus wears six rings on each of his fingers, and never takes
them off even at night, or when he bathes. Do you ask the rea-
son? He has no ring case. —*Martial*
- 3175 *The House Beautiful* is the play lousy. —*Dorothy Parker*
- 3176 I am going from bad to Hearst. —*William L. Shirer*
- 3177 She is intolerable, but that is her only fault.
—*Talleyrand, of a young lady of the Court*
- 3178 Sarcasm: intellect on the offensive.
- 3179 Jack, eating rotten cheese, did say,
"Like Samson, I my thousands slay."
"I vow," quoth Roger, "so you do,
And with the self-same weapon too."

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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ITALY

- 3181 Italy, a paradise for horses, hell for women, as the proverb goes.
—*Burton*
- 3182 Italy is only a geographical expression. —*Metternich*
- 3183 A paradise inhabited with devils. —*Sir Henry Wotton*

J

JEALOUSY

- 3191 Jealousy, the jaundice of the soul. —*Dryden*
- 3192 Lots of people know a good thing the minute the other fellow
sees it first. —*Job E. Hedges*
- 3193 Who persuaded you to cut off the nose of your wife's lover?
Wretched husband, that was not the part which outraged you!
Fool, what have you done? Your wife has lost nothing by the
operation. —*Martial*
- 3194 There is more self-love than love in jealousy.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3195 Envy is a pain of mind that successful men cause their neighbors.
—*Onasander*
- 3196 Jealousy is the fear or apprehension of superiority: envy our un-
easiness under it. —*William Shenstone*
- 3197 Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo. —*H. G. Wells*
- 3198 Plain women are always jealous of their husbands, beautiful
women never are! —*Oscar Wilde*
- 3199 Hunger, revenge, to sleep are petty foes,
But only death the jealous eyes can close. —*Wycherley*
- 3200 To be jealous of the woman one has ceased to love argues a very
contemptible character.
- 3201 A lewd bachelor makes a jealous husband.
- 3202 Well may Suspicion shake its head—
Well may Clarinda's spouse be jealous,
When the dear wanton takes to bed
Her very *shoes*—because they're *fellows*.

SEE ALSO

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Enemies
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JOKES

- 3211 A good storyteller is a person who has a good memory and hopes
other people haven't. —*Irvin S. Cobb*

- 3212 They cannot be complete in aught
Who are not humorously prone—
A man without a merry thought
Can hardly have a funny bone. —*F. Locher-Lampson*
- 3213 A joke without a point, inane and bald,
Itself a joke on joking may be called. —*Menander*
- 3214 He must not laugh at his own wheeze:
A snuff box has no right to sneeze. —*Keith Preston*
- 3215 My way of joking is telling the truth. That is the funniest joke
in the world. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 3216 You could read Kant by yourself, if you wanted; but you must
share a joke with some one else. —*Stevenson*
- 3217 Good jests bite like lambs, not like dogs.
- 3218 The good die young was never said of a joke.
- SEE ALSO RELATED SUBJECTS
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 Wit

JUDGMENT

- 3221 A shoemaker should not judge above his shoes. —*Apelles*
- 3222 Good and bad men are each less so than they seem. —*Coleridge*
- 3223 Where men of judgment creep and feel their way,
The positive pronounce without dismay. —*Cowper*
- 3224 Common sense is, of all kinds, the most uncommon.
—*Tryon Edwards*
- 3225 You cannot see the mountain near. —*Emerson*
- 3226 Things are seldom what they seem,
Skim milk masquerades as cream. —*W. S. Gilbert*
- 3227 The man who called it "near beer" was a bad judge of distance.
—*Philander Johnson*
- 3228 God himself, sir, does not propose to judge man until the end of
his days. —*Johnson*
- 3229 Everyone complains of his memory, and no one complains of his
judgment. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3230 We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; others
judge us by what we have done. —*Longfellow*
- 3231 'Tis with our judgments as our watches, none
Go just alike, yet each believes his own. —*Pope*
- 3232 My salad days.
When I was green in judgment. —*Shakespeare*

- 3233 How little do they see what really is, who frame their judgments
upon that which seems. —*Southey*
- 3234 Enthusiasm for a cause sometimes warps judgment.
—*William Howard Taft*
- 3235 Common sense is not so common. —*Voltaire*
- 3236 In our judgment of human transactions, the law of optics is re-
versed; we see the most indistinctly the objects which are close
around us. —*Whately*
- 3237 It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 3238 The best we can expect on the Day of Judgment is a suspended
sentence.
- 3239 When Death puts out our flame, the snuff will tell
If we were wax or tallow, by the smell.
- 3240 Statistics are no substitute for judgment.
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| Criticism 1258 | Decision |
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JUSTICE

- 3241 He's just, your cousin, ay, abhorrently;
He'd wash his hands in blood, to keep them clean.
—*E. B. Browning*
- 3242 Justice while she winks at crimes,
Stumbles on innocence sometimes. —*Samuel Butler*
- 3243 When one has been threatened with a great injustice, one accepts
a smaller as a favor. —*Mrs. Thomas Carlyle*
- 3244 Justice is the bread of the nation; it is always hungry for it.
—*Chateaubriand*
- 3245 Justice is truth in action. —*Disraeli*
- 3246 Whatever is, is in its causes just. —*Dryden*
- 3247 Justice delayed is justice denied. —*Gladstone*
- 3248 The hungry judges soon the sentence sign,
And wretches hang that jury-men may dine. —*Pope*

- 3249 The love of justice is, in the majority of men, the fear of suffering injustice. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3250 A just man is not one who does no ill,
But he, who with the power, has not the will. —*Philemon*
- 3251 Use every man after his desserts, and who should 'scape whipping? —*Shakespeare*
- 3252 Justice, like lightning, ever should appear to few men's ruin, but to all men's fear. —*Sweetman*
- 3253 Every man loves justice at another man's house; nobody cares for it at his own.
- 3254 A fox should not be of the jury at a goose's trial.
- 3255 It is just as well that justice is blind; she might not like some of the things done in her name if she could see them.
- 3256 He has always received condemnation from both sides for his fair and impartial handling of cases.
- 3257 He that buyeth magistracy must sell justice.

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Crime
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K

KINDNESS

- 3261 Kindness—a language which the dumb can speak, and the deaf can understand. —*C. N. Bovée*
- 3262 He that has once done you a kindness will be more ready to do you another, than he whom you yourself have obliged. —*Franklin*
- 3263 If you can make people kind, not merely respectable, the problem will be solved. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 3264 Kindness goes a long ways lots o' times when it ought t' stay at home. —*Kin Hubbard*

- 3265 Brutality to an animal is cruelty to mankind—it is only the difference in the victim. —*Lamartine*
- 3266 The first thing a kindness deserves is acceptance, the second, transmission. —*George Macdonald*
- 3267 Not always actions show the man; we find
Who does a kindness is not therefore kind. —*Pope*
- 3268 A word of kindness is seldom spoken in vain, while witty sayings are as easily lost as the pearls slipping from a broken string. —*Prentice*
- 3269 To smile at the jest which plants a thorn in another's breast is to become a principal in the mischief. —*Sheridan*
- 3270 A sufficient commentary on human nature is that a mob never rushes madly across town to do a needed kindness.

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Begging
Courtesy
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Help
Mercy
Selfishness

KINGS

- 3271 If Russians knew how to read, they would write me off. —*Catherine the Great*
- 3272 Every chair should be a throne and hold a king. —*Emerson*
- 3273 They say kings are made in the image of God. I feel sorry for God if that is what he looks like. —*Frederick the Great*
- 3274 Don't forget your great guns which are the most respectable arguments of the rights of kings. —*Frederick the Great*
- 3275 I will not wear a crown of gold where my Saviour wore one of thorns. —*Godfrey of Bouillon*
- 3276 A tomb now suffices him for whom the whole world was not sufficient. —*Greek epigram on Alexander*
- 3277 Kings are in the moral order what monsters are in the natural. —*Henri Gregoire*
- 3278 In things a moderation keep;
Kings ought to shear, not skin, their sheep. —*Robert Herrick*
- 3279 I am a royalist by trade. —*Joseph II of Austria*

- 3280 *Alexander*: I am Alexander the Great.
Diogenes: And I am Diogenes, the Cynic.
 —*Diogenes Laertius*
- 3281 Come, Caesar, even by night—let stars delay;
 If thou but come, thy folk will find it day. —*Martial*
- 3282 I can easily imagine Socrates in Alexander's place; Alexander in
 that of Socrates—never. —*Montaigne*
- 3283 An aristocracy is the true support of a monarchy. —*Napoleon*
- 3284 Aristocracy is always cruel. —*Wendell Phillips*
- 3285 The right divine of kings to govern wrong. —*Pope*
- 3286 What can they see in the longest kingly line in Europe, save that
 it runs back to a successful soldier? —*Scott*
- 3287 A King is a thing men have made for their own sakes, for quiet-
 ness' sake. Just as in a family one man is appointed to buy the
 meat. —*John Selden*
- 3288 A multitude of executions discredits a king, as a multitude of
 funerals a doctor. —*Seneca*
- 3289 A substitute shines brightly as a king,
 Until a king be by. —*Shakespeare*
- 3290 He who slays a king and he who dies for him are alike idolaters.
 —*G. B. Shaw*
- 3291 Kings are not born: they are made by universal hallucination.
 —*G. B. Shaw*
- 3292 Authority forgets a dying king. —*Tennyson*
- 3293 The throne is a glorious sepulchre. —*Empress Theodora*
- 3294 No man ruleth safely but he that is willingly ruled.
 —*Thomas à Kempis*
- 3295 Good kings never make war, but for the sake of peace.
- 3296 Here lies our sovereign lord the king,
 Whose word no man relies on;
 Who never said a foolish thing,
 And never did a wise one. —*Epigram on Charles II*
- 3297 The modern king has become a vermiform appendix—useless when
 quiet, when obtrusive in danger of removal.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Courtier

Government

KISS

- 3301 Two persons who do not part with kisses should part with haste.
—*Ralph Bergengren*
- 3302 The kiss I stole, when thou and I,
Dear girl, were romping in the glade,
Did nectar in its sweet outvie,
But oh! how dear for it I paid! —*Catullus*
- 3303 I can't forget, nor thou forgive,
And so, the wretchedest of men,
I vow I'll never, while I live,
No, never steal a kiss again! —*Catullus*
- 3304 A kiss is sweet; who dares deny it? But when it is sold, it becomes
bitterer than hellebore. —*Cillactor*
- 3305 All the legislation in the world will not abolish kissing.
—*Elinor Glyn*
- 3306 What is a kiss? Why this, as some approve:
The sure, sweet cement, glue, and lime of love.—*Robert Herrick*
- 3307 Being used but sisterly salutes to feel,
Inspid things—like sandwiches of veal. —*Thomas Hood*
- 3308 Unto that flowery cup I bent once more,
Again she showed no seeming to abhor,
But at the third kiss all she asked me was,
"Is this all you came to see me for?" —*Wallace Irwin*
- 3309 What is a kiss? Alacke! at worst,
A single Dropp to quenche a Thirst,
Tho' oft it prooves in happie Hour
The first sweete Dropp of one long showre. —*Leland*
- 3310 Not that I'd have my pleasure incomplete,
Or lose the kiss for which my lips beset you;
But that in suffering me to take it, sweet!
I'd have you say—"No! no! I will not let you!"—*Clement Marot*
- 3311 Why do I not kiss you, Philaenis? You are bold. Why do I not
kiss you, Philaenis? You are carrotty. Why do I not kiss you,
Philaenis? You are one-eyed. He who kisses you, Philaenis, sins
against Nature. —*Martial*
- 3312 To some, Postumus, you give kisses, to some your right hand.
"Which do you prefer?" you say, "choose." I prefer your hand.
—*Martial*
- 3313 With only half a lip you kiss,
And half of that I ne'er should miss,
A greater boon, of worth untold,
Wilt grant me? That whole half withhold. —*Martial*

- 3314 Lord! I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing.
—*Swift*
- 3315 If you can kiss the mistress, never kiss the maid.
- 3316 It is a noun both common and proper,
Not very singular, and agrees with both *you* and *me*.
- 3317 They say there's microbes in a kiss,
This rumor is most rife,
Come, lady dear, and make of me
An invalid for life.
- 3318 Yesterday's yesterday while today's here,
Today is today till tomorrow appear,
Tomorrow's tomorrow until today's past,
And kisses are kisses as long as they last.
- 3319 Moon, Moon, thou art happier than I,
For thou seest her, and I do not;
But last night I was happier than thou,
For I kissed her, and thou didst look on.
- 3320 A bonny bride is soon buskit.
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| Taste 5278 | Courtship |
| Tobacco 5446 | Love |
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KNOWLEDGE

- 3321 What one knows is, in youth, of little moment; they know enough
who know how to learn. —*Henry Adams*
- 3322 I cannot know even whether I know or not.
—*Arcesilaus the Sceptic*
- 3323 He that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow. —*Bible*
- 3324 I honestly believe it iz better tew know nothing than tew know
what ain't so. —*Josh Billings*
- 3325 An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less.
—*Nicholas Murray Butler*
- 3326 He knew what's what, and that's as high
As metaphysic wit can fly. —*Samuel Butler*
- 3327 This devil of a man (Poincaré) is the opposite of Briand: the
latter knows nothing, and understands everything; the other
knows everything, and understands nothing. —*Clemenceau*
- 3328 The essence of knowledge is, having it, to apply it; not having it,
to confess your ignorance. —*Confucius*
- 3329 Knowledge is proud that he has learn'd so much;
Wisdom is humble that he knows no more. —*Cowper*

- 3330 Men who know the same things are not long the best company for each other. —*Emerson*
- 3331 If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it. —*Margaret Fuller*
- 3332 Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it. —*Thomas Fuller*
- 3333 Excepting for knowledge nothing has any meaning, and to have no meaning is to be non-existent. —*Lord Haldane*
- 3334 Nothing exists because it is known, but things are known because they exist. —*L. T. Hobhouse*
- 3335 Knowledge and timber shouldn't be much used till they are seasoned. —*O. W. Holmes*
- 3336 If a little knowledge is dangerous, where is the man who has so much as to be out of danger? —*T. H. Huxley*
- 3337 The seeds of knowledge may be planted in solitude, but must be cultivated in public. —*Johnson*
- 3338 The world does not require so much to be informed as to be reminded. —*Hannah More*
- 3339 All I know is just what I read in the papers. —*Will Rogers*
- 3340 It is better, of course, to know useless things than to know nothing. —*Seneca*
- 3341 I am like a book, with pages that have stuck together for want of use: my mind needs unpacking and the truths stored within must be turned over from time to time, to be ready when occasion demands. —*Seneca*
- 3342 When the wind is southerly, I know a hawk from a handsaw. —*Shakespeare*
- 3343 To me the charm of an encyclopedia is that it knows—and I needn't. —*Francis Yeats-Brown*
- 3344 One part of knowledge consists of being ignorant of such things as are not worthy to be known.
- 3345 He that imagines he hath knowledge enough hath none.
- 3346 First-hand knowledge does not become second-hand when used.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Curiosity Understanding
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L

LABOR

- 3351 *Labor*: one of the processes by which A acquires property for B.
—*Ambrose Bierce*
- 3352 Industry cannot flourish if labor languish. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- 3353 Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately you occasionally find men
disgrace labor. —*Ulysses S. Grant*
- 3354 Republican institutions cannot exist for long where there is en-
forced labor; or for that matter where there is enforced idleness.
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LAUGHTER

- 3361 The man who cannot laugh is not only fit for treasons, stratagems
and spoils; but his whole life is already a treason and a strata-
gem. —*Carlyle*
- 3362 Nothing is more significant of men's character than what they
find laughable. —*Goethe*
- 3363 Laughter is the mind's intonation. There are ways of laughing
which have the sound of counterfeit coins.
—*Edmond de Goncourt*
- 3364 A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market. —*Lamb*
- 3365 No spell were wanting, from the dead to raise me,
But only that sweet laugh wherewith she slays me.
—*Clement Marot*
- 3366 I can usually judge a fellow by what he laughs at.
—*Wilson Mizner*
- 3367 Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.
—*Will Rogers*
- 3368 One good, hearty laugh is a bombshell exploding in the right
place, while spleen and discontent are a gun that kicks over the
man who shoots it off. —*De Witt Talmage*
- 3369 Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is
far the best ending for one. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 3370 The most completely lost of all days is the one on which we have
not laughed.

- 3371 The most valuable sense of humor is the kind that enables a person to see instantly what it isn't safe to laugh at.
- 3372 "I laugh," a would-be-sapient cries,
 "At every one that laughs at me."
 "Good Lord!" a sneering friend replies,
 "How merry you must always be!"

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Jokes

Tears

Wit

LAW

- 3381 Such laws do rightly resemble the spider's cob-webs: because they take hold of little flies and gnats which fall into them, but the rich and mighty will break and run through them at will.
 —*Anacharsis*
- 3382 Wise men, though all laws were abolished, would lead the same lives.
 —*Aristophanes*
- 3383 It becomes not a law-maker to be a law-breaker. —*Bias*
- 3384 I sometimes wish that people would put a little more emphasis upon the observance of the law than they do upon its enforcement.
 —*Calvin Coolidge*
- 3385 Men do not make laws. They do but discover them.
 —*Calvin Coolidge*
- 3386 Probably all laws are useless; for good men do not need laws at all, and bad men are made no better by them.
 —*Demonax the Cynic*
- 3387 Customs may not be as wise as laws, but they are always more popular.
 —*Disraeli*
- 3388 Man became free when he recognized that he was subject to law.
 —*Will Durant*
- 3389 The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread.
 —*Anatole France*
- 3390 The path to which precedents gain admittance may be narrow: they soon find ways of roaming abroad. —*Gaius Velleius*
- 3391 Laws grind the poor, and rich men rule the law. —*Goldsmith*
- 3392 Laws that do not embody public opinion can never be enforced.
 —*Elbert Hubbard*

- 3393 It is one of the maxims of the civil law, that definitions are hazardous. —*Johnson*
- 3394 The law is the last result of human wisdom acting upon human experience for the benefit of the public. —*Johnson*
- 3395 The law hath not been dead, though it hath slept.—*Shakespeare*
- 3396 The law decides questions of *Meum* and *Tuum*.
By kindly arranging to make the thing *Suum*.
- 3397 Technicalities are the "safety zones" from justice.
- 3398 There should be no laws; he who more than unconsciously obeys them is a scoundrel.
- 3399 Should troubles incline you to law with a friend,
You'd better remain as you are;
If you take it to Court both must lose in the end—
That's the only relief at the Bar.
- 3400 English law prohibits a man from marrying his mother-in-law.
This is the limit of useless legislation.
- 3401 Man is an able creature, but he has made 32,647,389 laws and hasn't yet improved on the Ten Commandments.
- 3402 The portion of a law usually found unconstitutional is the teeth.
- 3403 Jack says that of law common sense is the base,
And, doubtless, in that he is right;
Though certain am I, that in many a case
The foundation is quite out of sight.
- 3404 Men fight for freedom: then they begin to accumulate laws to take it away from themselves.
- 3405 "Call silence!" the judge to the officer cries;
"This hubbub and talk, will it never be done?
Those people this morning have made such a noise,
We've decided ten cases without hearing one."
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| Decency 1422 | Guilt |
| Kiss 3305 | Judgment |
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LAWYERS

- 3411 Go not in and out in the court of justice, that thy name may not stink. —*The Wisdom of Anii*

- 3412 A lawyer is a learned gentleman who rescues your estate from
your enemies and keeps it himself. —*Lord Brougham*
- 3413 Why, gentlemen, you cannot live without the lawyers, and cer-
tainly you cannot die without them. —*Joseph H. Choate*
- 3414 This house where once a lawyer dwelt,
Is now a smith's. Alas!
How rapidly the iron age
Succeeds the age of brass! —*Erskine*
- 3415 A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between two
cats. —*Franklin*
- 3416 Diodorus goes to law, Flaccus. He suffers from gout in his feet.
But he pays no fee to his lawyer. This is gout in his hands.
—*Martial*
- 3417 When there is no will there is a way for the lawyers.
—*Austin O'Malley*
- 3418 There take, says Justice, take ye each a shell;
We thrive at Westminster on fools like you;
'Twas a fat oyster—live in place—adieu. —*Pope*
- 3419 Alas! the small discredit of a bribe
Scarce hurts the lawyer, but undoes the scribe. —*Pope*
- 3420 A wise lawyer never goes to law himself.
- 3421 A good lawyer makes an evil neighbor.
- 3422 Woe be to him whose advocate becomes his accuser.
- 3423 "Virtue in the middle," said the Devil, as he seated himself be-
tween two lawyers.
- 3424 Fond of doctors, little health,
Fond of lawyers, little wealth.
- 3425 It is an ill cause that the lawyer thinks shame o'.

RELATED SUBJECTS
Judgment
Law

LAZINESS

- 3431 To loaf is a science, to loaf is to live. —*Balzac*
- 3432 Lazy folk's stummucks don't git tired. —*Joel Chandler Harris*
- 3433 Easy street is a blind alley. —*Wilson Mizner*
- 3434 You never see no "to let" signs on Easy Street. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 3435 Whenever I feel the urge to exercise coming on I lie down until
it passes over.

- 3436 People are naturally indolent: it is not necessity, but actual despair that drives them to perfection.
- 3437 To slothful men the day, night, month and year
Seem long, though passing on with swift career
We trifle out our long-thought time in vain;
Why of life's shortness do we then complain?
- 3438 The man who waits for things to turn up finds his toes do it first.
- 3439 The cat is in the parlor, the dog is in the lake;
The cow is in the hammock—what difference does it make?

RELATED SUBJECTS

Delay

Labor

LEARNING

- 3441 What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the soul.
—*Addison*
- 3442 A beard creates lice, not brains. —*Ammianus*
- 3443 Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.
—*Aristotle*
- 3444 The nation that has the schools has the future. —*Bismarck*
- 3445 Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave. —*Lord Brougham*
- 3446 Education is the cheap defense of nations. —*Burke*
- 3447 The school is not the end but only the beginning of an education.
—*Calvin Coolidge*
- 3448 The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil. —*Emerson*
- 3449 I am not impressible, but I am impressionable. —*Emerson*
- 3450 Drudgery is as necessary to call out the treasures of the mind, as harrowing and planting those of the earth.—*Margaret Fuller*
- 3451 Take care not to step on the foot of a learned idiot. His bite is incurable.
—*Paul Gauguin*
- 3452 A college education shows a man how little other people know.
—*T. C. Haliburton*
- 3453 It is better to be able neither to read nor write than to be able to do nothing else.
—*Hazlitt*
- 3454 You can lead a boy to college, but you cannot make him think.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 3455 Pedantry is the dotage of knowledge. —*Holbrook Jackson*

- 3456 When schools flourish, all flourishes. —*Luther*
- 3457 Schoolhouses are the republican line of fortifications.
—*Horace Mann*
- 3458 When you educate a man you educate an individual; when you
educate a woman you educate a whole family. —*McIver*
- 3459 Metaphysics is the art of bewildering oneself methodically.
—*Michelet*
- 3460 I've known countless people who were reservoirs of learning yet
never had a thought. —*Wilson Mizner*
- 3461 A learned person is not learned in everything; but the capable per-
son is capable in everything, even in what he is ignorant of.
—*Montaigne*
- 3462 A little learning is a dangerous thing:
Drink deep or taste not the Pierian spring;
There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely sobers us again. —*Pope*
- 3463 'Tis education forms the common mind;
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined. —*Pope*
- 3464 The bookful blockhead, ignorantly read,
With loads of learned lumber in his head. —*Pope*
- 3465 No man is the wiser for his learning. —*John Selden*
- 3466 No one finds his proficiency in a study just where he dropped it.
—*Seneca*
- 3467 A lesson that is never learned can never be too often taught.
—*Seneca*
- 3468 It (Oxford) is a sanctuary in which exploded systems and ob-
solete prejudices find shelter and protection after they have been
hunted out of every corner of the world. —*Adam Smith*
- 3469 Not body enough to cover his mind decently with; his intellect
is improperly exposed. —*Sydney Smith*
- 3470 Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond;
cauliflower is but cabbage with a college education.
—*Mark Twain*
- 3471 When he that speaks, and he to whom he speaks, neither of them
understand what is meant, that is metaphysics. —*Voltaire*
- 3472 A wise man gets learning from those who have none themselves.
- 3473 It is less painful to learn in youth than to be ignorant in age.

- 3474 Education is only a ladder to gather fruit from the tree of knowledge, not the fruit itself.
- 3475 Pedantry: stupidity that read a book.
- 3476 One pound of learning requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it.
- 3477 "Live and Learn" may be a good motto, but so many people find it necessary to live and unlearn.
- 3478 An educational system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches boys to get a living and doesn't teach them how to live.
- 3479 Oxford gave the world marmalade and a manner, Cambridge science and a sausage.
- 3480 No wonder that Oxford and Cambridge profound,
In learning and science so greatly abound;
Since some carry thither a little each day,
And we meet with so few who bring any away.

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LETTERS

- 3481 "Lives" of great men oft remind us
As we o'er their pages turn,
That we too may leave behind us
Letters that we ought to burn. —*Thomas Hood*
- 3482 A short letter to a distant friend is, in my opinion, an insult like that of a slight bow or cursory salutation. —*Johnson*
- 3483 Correspondences are like small-clothes before the invention of suspenders; it is impossible to keep them up. —*Sydney Smith*

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Literature
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LIBERTY

- 3491 The price of Liberty is eternal vigilance, and the price of wisdom is eternal thought. —*Frank Birch*
- 3492 Liberty! eternal spirit of the chainless mind. —*Byron*
- 3493 More liberty begets desire of more;
The hunger still increases with the store. —*Dryden*

- 3494 There is often as much independence in not being led as in not being driven. —*Tryon Edwards*
- 3495 If you would liberate me you must be free. —*Emerson*
- 3496 To open his lips is crime in a plain citizen. —*Ennius*
- 3497 Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err. —*Mahatma Gandhi*
- 3498 Liberty is not merely a privilege to be conferred; it is a habit to be acquired. —*Lloyd George*
- 3499 Liberty has restraints but no frontiers. —*Lloyd George*
- 3500 Doing what we please is not freedom, is not liberty; rather, it is the abuse of true liberty and freedom. —*Cardinal Hayes*
- 3501 Where the press is free, and every man able to read, all is safe. —*Jefferson*
- 3502 All theory is against the freedom of the will, all experience for it. —*Johnson*
- 3503 Liberty may make mistakes but tyranny is the death of a nation. —*Matteotti*
- 3504 None can love freedom heartily but good men; the rest love not freedom, but licence. —*Milton*
- 3505 A nation may lose its liberties in a day, and not miss them in a century. —*Montesquieu*
- 3506 Lean liberty is better than fat slavery. —*Ray*
- 3507 Liberty will not descend to a people: a people must raise themselves to liberty. It is a blessing to be earned before it can be enjoyed. —*Tilton*
- 3508 The tree of liberty grows only when watered by the blood of tyrants. —*Bertrand de Vieuxac*
- 3509 Liberty, guest amiable,
Plants both elbows on the table. —*Voltaire*
- 3510 Liberty is the one thing you can't have unless you give it to others. —*William A. White*
- 3511 A free country is one in which there is no particular individual to blame for the existing tyranny.

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LIES

- 3521 A liar will not be believed, even when he speaks the truth.—*Aesop*
- 3522 Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be equally outraged by silence. —*Amien*
- 3523 A truth that's told with bad intent
Beats all the lies you can invent. —*Blake*
- 3524 Lied is a rough phrase; say he fell from truth. —*Browning*
- 3525 The best liar is he who makes the smallest amount of lying go the longest way—who husbands it too carefully to waste it where it can be dispensed with. —*Samuel Butler*
- 3526 And, after all, what is a lie? 'Tis but
The truth in masquerade. —*Byron*
- 3527 There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.
—*Disraeli*
- 3528 I think a lie with a purpose is wane iv th' worst kind an' th' mos' profitable. —*F. P. Dunne*
- 3529 When we risk no contradiction,
It prompts the tongue to deal in fiction. —*John Gay*
- 3530 Dare to be true; nothing can need a lie;
A fault which needs it most, grows two thereby.—*George Herbert*
- 3531 If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed. —*Hitler*
- 3532 Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.
—*O. W. Holmes*
- 3533 Th' first one t' ketch a circus in a lie is a boy. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 3534 A man had rather have a hundred lies told of him, than one truth which he does not wish should be told. —*Johnson*
- 3535 I reckon there's more things told than are true,
And more things true than are told! —*Kipling*
- 3536 Truth does not do as much good in the world as its counterfeit does mischief. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3537 No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar.
—*Lincoln*
- 3538 No one is such a liar as the indignant man. —*Nietzsche*
- 3539 Lie on! While my revenge shall be,
To speak the very truth of thee. —*Lord Nugent*
- 3540 A very honest woman, but something given to lie.—*Shakespeare*

- 3541 A lie travels round the world while truth is putting on her boots.
—*C. H. Spurgeon*
- 3542 It is often the case that the man who can't tell a lie thinks he is
the best judge of one. —*Mark Twain*
- 3543 Falsehoods which we spurn today
Were the truths of long ago. —*Whittier*
- 3544 He may very well be contented that need not lie nor flatter.
- 3545 Those who think it permissible to tell white lies soon grow color-
blind.
- 3546 If lying were a capital crime,
The hangman would work overtime.

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LIFE

- 3551 Ah, lives of men! When prosperous they glitter
Like a fair picture; when misfortune comes
A wet sponge at one blow has blurred the painting.
—*Aeschylus*
- 3552 Nothing seems so tragic to one who is old as the death of one who
is young, and this alone proves that life is a good thing.
—*Zoë Akins*
- 3553 Two parts of Life; and well the theme
May mournful thoughts inspire;
For ah! the past is but a dream,
The future—a desire! —*Arabic epigram*
- 3554 Do what you will, this life's a fiction,
And is made up of contradiction. —*Blake*
- 3555 Life is like playing a violin solo in public and learning the instru-
ment as one goes on. —*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 3556 Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient
premises. —*Samuel Butler*
- 3557 To live is like to love—all reason is against it, and all healthy
instinct for it. —*Samuel Butler*

- 3558 Life is made of ever so many partings welded together.—*Dickens*
- 3559 Life is a jest, and all things show it,
I thought so once, and now I know it.—*John Gay's own epitaph*
- 3560 Life's perhaps the only riddle
That we shrink from giving up. —*W. S. Gilbert*
- 3561 Forbid a man to think for himself or to act for himself and you
may add the joy of piracy and the zest of smuggling to his life.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 3562 Be a life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was
lived for. —*David Starr Jordan*
- 3563 The problem of life is not to make life easier, but to make men
stronger. —*David Starr Jordan*
- 3564 No one is really miserable who has not tried to cheapen life.
—*David Starr Jordan*
- 3565 All ways have their sunny side. Cities are
Sociable; bide at home would'st thou hide care;
Country for pleasure; Voyaging for gain;
For knowledge, learn how foreign races fare.
—*Julianus Aegyptius*
- 3566 Live thy life! let not Hope's frauds, thefts, fool thee, bidding thee
wait
Till a last dawn disposes of works, joys, put off too late.
—*Julius Polyænus*
- 3567 Let those who thoughtfully consider the brevity of life remember
the length of eternity. —*Bishop Ken*
- 3568 The significance of life is life itself. —*Hermann Keyserling*
- 3569 There is nothing of which men are so fond, and withal so care-
less, as life. —*La Bruyère*
- 3570 Live as if you expected to live a hundred years, but might die
tomorrow. —*Ann Lee*
- 3571 A great part of the happiness of life consists not in fighting bat-
tles, but in avoiding them. A masterly retreat is in itself a
victory. —*Longfellow*
- 3572 Knowledge the clue to life can give:
Then wherefore hesitate to live. —*Martial*
- 3573 To the wise, life is a problem; to the fool, a solution.

- 3574 Defer not joys thou mayst not win from fate:
Judge only what is past to be thine own.
Cares with a linked chain of sorrow wait.
Mirth tarries not; but soon on wing is flown.
With both hands hold it—clasped in full embrace,
Still from thy breast it oft will glide away!
To say "I mean to live" is folly's place:
Tomorrow's life comes late; live, then, today. —*Martial*
- 3575 Life's a long headache in a noisy street. —*Masefield*
- 3576 Life is just one damned thing after another.—*F. W. O'Malley*
- 3577 All life is but a game: then gaily play
Or sadly learn the penalty to pay. —*Palladas*
- 3578 A Perilous voyage is Life;
And often storm-tost, we
Worse than shipwreck make
On the rocky shore of the sea. —*Palladas*
- 3579 Whoever hath washed his hands of living
Utters his mind without misgiving. —*Saadi*
- 3580 Life is a ticklish business; I have resolved to spend it in reflecting
upon it. —*Schopenhauer*
- 3581 Life is a play! 'Tis not its length, but its performance that counts.
—*Seneca*
- 3582 Life should be like the precious metals, weigh much in little bulk.
—*Seneca*
- 3583 They that mistake life's accessories for life itself are like them
that go too fast in a maze: their very haste confuses them.
—*Seneca*
- 3584 The time of life is short;
To spend that shortness basely were too long. —*Shakespeare*
- 3585 Those who do not know how to live must make a merit of dying.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 3586 Life is a flame that is always burning itself out, but it catches fire
again every time a child is born. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 3587 May you live all the days of your life. —*Swift*
- 3588 Why is it that we rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? It is
because we are not the person involved. —*Mark Twain*
- 3589 Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the
undertaker will be sorry. —*Mark Twain*

- 3590 All say, "How hard it is that we have to die"—a strange complaint to come from the mouths of people who have had to live.
—*Mark Twain*
- 3591 I don't want to earn my living; I want to live. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 3592 You do not have to live, but you have to live well.
- 3593 The fear of death is the greatest compliment we pay to life.
- 3594 Life: a front door to eternity.
- 3595 Man's life's a vapor,
And full of woes;
He cuts a caper,
And down he goes.
- 3596 Life is for most of us a continuous process of getting used to things we hadn't expected.
- 3597 The two chief problems are the high cost of living and the cheapness of human life.

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LIGHT

- 3601 If we want light, we must conquer darkness. —*J. T. Fields*
- 3602 Lamps make oil-spots, and candles need snuffing; it is only the light of heaven that shines pure and leaves no stain.—*Goethe*
- 3603 The thing to do is to supply light and not heat.
—*Woodrow Wilson*
- 3604 A candle lights others and consumes itself.

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LISTENING

- 3611 Nature has given to men one tongue, but two ears, that we may hear from others twice as much as we speak. —*Epictetus*
- 3612 Remember there's always a voice saying the right thing to you somewhere if you'll only listen for it. —*Thomas Hughes*
- 3613 A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.
—*Wilson Mizner*

3614 Know how to listen, and you will profit even from those who talk badly. —*Plutarch*

3615 What a story these old walls would tell, if I would only listen. —*Comment before the Parthenon*

3616 A good listener is a silent flatterer.

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LITERATURE

3621 Literature is an investment of genius which pays dividends to all subsequent times. —*John Burroughs*

3622 There is a great discovery still to be made in Literature, that of paying literary men by the quantity they do not write. —*Carlyle*

3623 Grammar is the grave of letters. —*Elbert Hubbard*

3624 As for literature, thefts cannot harm it, while the lapse of ages augments its value. —*Martial*

3625 I am king of the Romans, and above grammar. —*Emperor Sigismund*

3626 A classic is something that everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read. —*Mark Twain*

3627 Why care for grammar as long as we are good? —*Artemus Ward*

3628 A good description is a magician that can turn an ear into an eye.

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LOGIC

3631 Logic: an instrument used for bolstering a prejudice. —*Elbert Hubbard*

3632 Logical consequences are the scarecrows of fools and the beacons of wise men. —*T. H. Huxley*

3633 Logic is the anatomy of thought. —*Locke*

3634 Logic is neither an art nor a science but a dodge. —*Stendhal*

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LOVE

- 3641 The wine-cup is glad! Dear Zenophile's lip
It boasts to have touched when she stooped down to sip.
Happy wine-cup! I wish that, with lips joined to mine,
All my soul at a draught she would drink up like wine.
—*Acilius*
- 3642 I loved thee beautiful and kind,
And plighted an eternal vow;
So altered are thy face and mind,
'Twere perjury to love thee now.
—*Acilius*
- 3643 Why so coy, my lovely maid?
Why of age so much afraid?
Your cheeks like roses to the sight,
And my hair as lilies white;
In love's garland, we'll suppose
Me the lily, you the rose.
—*Anacreon*
- 3644 Respect is what we owe; love, what we give. —*Philip J. Bailey*
- 3645 Love passes quickly, and passes like a street Arab, anxious to
mark his way with mischief. —*Balzac*
- 3646 Make love to every woman you meet; if you get five per cent on
your outlay it's a good investment. —*Arnold Bennett*
- 3647 Love iz like the meazles; we kant have it bad but onst, and the
later in life we have it the tuffer it goes with us.
—*Josh Billings*
- 3648 The ability to make love frivolously is the chief characteristic
which distinguishes human beings from the beasts.
—*Heywood Broun*
- 3649 Let us live, my Lesbia, and love, and value at one farthing all the
talk of crabbed old men. —*Catullus*
- 3650 Lesbia always speaks ill of me, and is always talking about me.
May I perish if Lesbia does not love me. By what token? Be-
cause it is just the same with me. I am perpetually crying out
upon her, but may I perish if I do not love her. —*Catullus*
- 3651 I hate and love—wherefore I cannot tell,
But by my tortures know the fact too well. —*Catullus*
- 3652 Absence, that common cure of love. —*Cervantes*
- 3653 A mighty pain to love it is,
And 'tis a pain that pain to miss;
But of all pains, the greatest pain
It is to love, but love in vain.
—*Cowley*

- 3654 Love: A season's pass on the shuttle between heaven and hell.
—*Don Dickerman*
- 3655 Love comes unseen; we only see it go. —*Austin Dobson*
- 3656 We are shaped and fashioned by what we love. —*Goethe*
- 3657 Love he to-morrow, who loved never;
To-morrow, who hath loved, persever. —*Greek epigram*
- 3658 Love's like a landscape which doth stand
Smooth at a distance, rough at hand;
Or like a fire which from afar
Doth gently warm, consumes when near. —*Hegge*
- 3659 You say to me-wards your affection's strong;
Pray love me little, so you love me long. —*Robert Herrick*
- 3660 O! love! love! laddie.
Love's like a dizziness!
It winna let a puir body
Gang about his business. —*James Hogg*
- 3661 Dante is terrible, but he has disgusted nobody with Hades because
he has placed in it all those who have loved.
—*Arsène Houssaye*
- 3662 Tell me whom you love, and I will tell you what you are.
—*Arsène Houssaye*
- 3663 Love, we say, is life; but love without hope and faith is agonizing
death. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 3664 The supreme happiness of life is the conviction of being loved for
yourself, or, more correctly, being loved in spite of yourself.
—*Victor Hugo*
- 3665 Love is the most terrible, and also the most generous, of the pas-
sions; it is the only one which includes in its dreams the happi-
ness of someone else. —*Alphonse Karr*
- 3666 Man, while he loves, is never quite depraved. —*Lamb*
- 3667 He give her a look that you could of poured on a waffle.
—*Ring Lardner*
- 3668 In their first passion women love their lovers, in all the others
they love love. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3669 There are few people who would not be ashamed of being loved
when they love no longer. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3670 True love is like ghosts, which everybody talks about and few
have seen. —*La Rochefoucauld*

- 3671 The pleasure of love is in loving. We are happier in the passion
we feel than in that we inspire. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3672 A woman often thinks she regrets the lover, when she only regrets
the love. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3673 The more one loves a mistress, the nearer one comes to hating her.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3674 A man of sense may love like a madman, but never like a fool.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 3675 Love is the selfishness of two persons. —*La Salle*
- 3676 Many men kill themselves for love, but many more women die
of it. —*Lemontey*
- 3677 Either take away, O Eros, all wish for love, or let me be loved!
Take away all desire, or satisfy it. —*Lucilius*
- 3678 Be quicker, and learn Love gives not away
Pearls of price but to them with cash to pay.
—*Marcus Argentarius*
- 3679 Thou seest Dosicleia; she is very thin and sparse in beauty, but
her ways are honest and pure. There would be no great matter
between us; but when I hold her in my arms, I feel her heart
near mine. —*Marcus Argentarius*
- 3680 Galla will, and will not comply with my wishes; and I cannot
tell, with her willing and not willing, what she wills. —*Martial*
- 3681 I do not know, Faustus, what it is that you write to so many
girls. But this I know, that no girl writes anything to you.
—*Martial*
- 3682 Lais, most beautiful of women—whenever I ask you the price of
your charms, you forthwith demand a great talent. I do not buy
repentance, Lais, at so high a price. —*Martial*
- 3683 Gemellus is seeking the hand of Maronilla, and is earnest, and
lays siege to her, and makes presents to her. Is she then so
pretty? No. Nothing can be more ugly. What then is the great
object and attraction in her?—Her cough. —*Martial*
- 3684 Lesbia protests that no one has ever obtained her favors without
payment. That is true. When she wants a lover she pays.
—*Martial*
- 3685 No lover, Thais, you deny. But if you are not ashamed of that, at
least be ashamed of this, Thais—of denying nothing. —*Martial*
- 3686 As I was constantly told that my mistress Polla indulged in im-
proper connection with a young libertine, I surprised them and
found it was as proper as my own. —*Martial*

- 3687 Asper loves a maiden. She is handsome certainly, but he is blind.
Evidently Asper loves better than he sees. —*Martial*
- 3688 Galla, say "No!"—love is soon sated unless our pleasures are
mixed with some pain, but do not continue, Galla, to say
"No!" too long. —*Martial*
- 3689 While in the dark on thy soft hand I hung,
And heard the tempting siren in thy tongue,
What flames, what darts, what anguish I endured!
But when the candles entered, I was cured. —*Martial*
- 3690 Polla, why send me wreaths of blooms new-born?
I'd rather handle roses you had worn. —*Martial*
- 3691 The tragedy of love is indifference. —*Somerset Maugham*
- 3692 O Love that flew so lightly to my heart,
Why are thy wings so feeble to depart? —*Meleager*
- 3693 Let the man who does not wish to be idle, fall in love. —*Ovid*
- 3694 Scratch a lover, and find a foe. —*Dorothy Parker*
- 3695 There are two sorts of affection—the love of a woman you
respect, and the love for the woman you love. —*Pinero*
- 3696 When affection only speaks,
Truth is not always there. —*Thomas Middleton*
- 3697 Love is composed of so many sensations, that something new of
it can always be said. —*Saint Prosper*
- 3698 Love is like red-currant wine—at the first taste sweet, but after-
wards shuddery. —*T. W. Robertson*
- 3699 Love is a beggar who still begs when one has given him every-
thing. —*Rocheperdre*
- 3700 There are different kinds of love, but they have all the same aim:
possession. —*Roqueplan*
- 3701 Nothing is so embarrassing as the first *tête-à-tête*, when there is
everything to say, unless it be the last, when everything has
been said. —*Roqueplan*
- 3702 In love, somehow, a man's heart is always either exceeding the
speed limit, or getting parked in the wrong place. —*Rowland*
- 3703 For repeating themselves, from the first kiss to the last sigh, the
average man's love-affairs have History blushing with envy.
—*Rowland*
- 3704 I despise the ingenuous and I scorn the prude; the latter is too
slow to give, the former gives too quickly. —*Rufinus*

- 3705 If thou wingest thine arrows, Eros, at once upon two hearts, thou
art a god; but not if thou piercest one only. —*Rufinus*
- 3706 Suffering is the true cement of love. —*Paul Sabatier*
- 3707 A fire in the bosom often results in ashes in the mouth.—*A. Sachs*
- 3708 Our ancient love! And now? All gone!
Shreds of remembered fondness? None.
Hate, abhorrence, scorn. Not one stray
Sigh to tell a Ghost passed this way. —*Sappho*
- 3709 You write: "I've forgotten." Cans't not forget—
Dids't never know. Love is a plant that set
In soil fit to receive it, requires Death
To uproot it; the Spirit that lives yet. —*Sappho*
- 3710 Love is like the moon; when it does not increase it decreases.
—*Segur*
- 3711 Love with old men is as the sun upon the snow, it dazzles more
than it warms them. —*J. P. Senn*
- 3712 Cupid is a knavish lad,
Thus to make poor females mad. —*Shakespeare*
- 3713 Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.—*Shakespeare*
- 3714 Men have died from time to time, and worms have eaten them,
but not for love. —*Shakespeare*
- 3715 Love is my sin, and thy dear virtue hate,
Hate of my sin, grounded on sinful loving. —*Shakespeare*
- 3716 Out upon it, I have loved
Three whole days together;
And am like to love three more,
If it prove fair weather. —*Suckling*
- 3717 Why so pale and wan, fond lover?
Prithee, why so pale?
Will, when looking well can't move her,
Looking ill prevail? —*Suckling*
- 3718 Inform me next what love will do
'Twill strangely make a one of two. —*Suckling*
- 3719 And I would have, now love is over,
An end to all, an end:
I cannot, having been your lover,
Stoop to become your friend! —*Arthur Symons*
- 3720 To love and win is the best thing; to love and lose the next best.
—*Thackeray*

- 3721 There is no remedy for love but to love more. —*Thoreau*
- 3722 In love, as in everything else, experience is a physician who never comes until after the disorder is cured. —*De la Tour*
- 3723 A man loved by a beautiful woman will always get out of trouble. —*Voltaire*
- 3724 Men never are consoled for their first love, nor women for their last. —*Weiss*
- 3725 When the heart is a-fire, some sparks will fly out of the mouth.
- 3726 Rusticus wrote a letter to his love,
And filled it full of warm and keen desire:
He hoped to raise a flame, and so he did—
The lady put his nonsense in the fire.
- 3727 Phyllis, you little, rosy rake!
That heart of yours I long to rifle;
Come, give it me—why should you make
So much ado about a trifle.
- 3728 How happily extremes do meet in Jane and Ebenezer:
She no longer sour, but sweet, and he a lemon squeezer.
- 3729 Love's of itself too sweet: the best of all
Is, when Love's honey has a dash of gall.
- 3730 Love makes time pass, and time makes love pass.
- 3731 In Love's wars, he who flieth is conqueror.
- 3732 To couple is a custom,
All things thereto agree:
Why should not I then love,
Since love to all is free?
- 3733 Nothing kills love like an overdose of it.
- 3734 The cat and the love you give away come back to you.
- 3735 The economics of emotions will not allow a man to remain in love for too long a time.
- 3736 He who tries to forget a woman has never loved her.
- 3737 Love, like the measles, attacks only the young.
- 3738 The man who is unselfish in love is a freak of instincts.
- 3739 Platonic love: the interval between events.
- 3740 Absence sharpens love, presence strengthens it.

- 3741- Love does not ennoble one for it generally rounds up one's actions to selfish purposes.
- 3742 There are few affairs of the heart upon which time will not cast a tinge of the absurd.
- 3743 With a savage, love is reduced to the strictly essential.
- 3744 Love levels all spirits; the expression of the most exalted feeling never rises above platitudes.
- 3745 To a woman in love, loving too much is not loving enough.
- 3746 Absence is the enemy of love.
- 3747 A woman who loves does not fear ridicule; a man in love knows no pride.
- 3748 In a woman in love, the hope of discovery is an intoxication; caution exists only in the woman who is indifferent emotionally.
- 3749 A man in love will take his chances; woman, in her anxiety, throws away hers.
- 3750 Woman never ceases loving a man until she finds another to replace him.
- 3751 Love is more tiring than friendship for it demands continuous proofs.
- 3752 There is too much said about the number of women Don Juan loved, and nothing about their quality; so much fuss about his morals, and none about his taste.
- 3753 When a woman has an affair of the heart, she goes into ecstasies; a man goes into details.
- 3754 Out of a love affair a man emerges bored to death; a woman completely exhausted.
- 3755 Love is an orgy of emotions.
- 3756 In their love, old men do not reflect the weariness of exhaustion, but rather the instinctive tenacity of despair.
- 3757 Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
- 3758 Love is the Fire of Life; it either consumes or purifies.
- 3759 Smiling then he took his dart,
And drew her picture in my heart.

- 3760 Love, you know, is a funny thing;
But the funniest thing about it
Is you never can tell if it is love
Until you start to doubt it.
- 3761 Bachelors are the bootleggers of love.
- 3762 A woman who pretends to laugh at love is like a child who sings
at night when he is afraid.
- 3763 My mistress I've lost it is true;
But one comfort attends the disaster;
That had she my mistress remain'd,
I could not have call'd myself master.

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LUCK

- 3771 The best you get is an even break. —*F. P. A.*
- 3772 Watch out w'en you er gittin' all you want. Fattenin' hogs ain't
in luck. —*Joel Chandler Harris*
- 3773 Misfortune does not always wait on vice; nor is success the con-
stant guest of virtue. —*Havard*
- 3774 Little is the luck I've had,
And oh, 'tis comfort small
To think that many another lad
Has had no luck at all. —*Housman*
- 3775 so unlucky that he runs into accidents which started out to hap-
pen to somebody else. —*Don Marquis*
- 3776 The only sure thing about luck is that it will change.
—*Wilson Mizner*

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MAID

- 3781 Maidens, like moths, are ever caught by glare,
And Mammon wins his way where seraphs might despair. —*Byron*
- 3782 A young girl receives most not from art but from nature.
—*Cillactor*
- 3783 My Son, if a maiden deny thee and
Scufflingly bid thee give o'er,
Yet lip meets with lip at the lastward,
Get out! She has been there before. —*Kipling*
- 3784 Do you ask what sort of maid I desire or dislike, Flaccus? I dislike one too easy, and one too coy. The just mean, which lies between the two extremes, is what I approve; I like neither that which tortures, nor that which cloy. —*Martial*
- 3785 All are good maids, but whence come the bad wives?
- 3786 Glasses and lasses are brittle ware.
- 3787 Do as the maids do, say no, and take it.
- 3788 Maids want nothing but husbands, and when they have them, they want everything.
- 3789 When maidens sue, men live like gods.
- 3790 The modern girl may have her little weaknesses, but she isn't effeminate.
- 3791 Let mathematicians and geometricians
Talk of circles' and triangles' charms,
The figure I prize is a girl with bright eyes,
And the circle that's formed by her arms.
- 3792 What lass is for my money? Such a one
As all would buy, but vendible to none.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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MAN

- 3801 What is meant by a "knowledge of the world" is simply an acquaintance with the infirmities of men. —*Dickens*
- 3802 Man is not the creature of circumstances. Circumstances are the creatures of men. —*Disraeli*

- 3803 Man is a pliable animal, a being who gets accustomed to everything! —*Dostoyevsky*
- 3804 The fall of the first Adam was the end of the beginning; the rise of the second Adam was the beginning of the end. —*S. W. Duffield*
- 3805 Surely, if all the world was made for man, then man was made for more than the world. —*Duplessis*
- 3806 A man is a god in ruins. —*Emerson*
- 3807 An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man.—*Emerson*
- 3808 All men in the abstract are just and good. —*Emerson*
- 3809 The cheapness of man is every day's tragedy. —*Emerson*
- 3810 Men are like wine; not good before the lees of clownishness be settled. —*Feltham*
- 3811 Darwinian Man, though well-behaved,
At best is only a monkey shaved! —*W. S. Gilbert*
- 3812 Man is a reasoning rather than a reasonable animal.—*Hamilton*
- 3813 The body is the soul's poor house or home,
Whose ribs the laths are, and whose flesh the loam.
—*Robert Herrick*
- 3814 There are only two classes of men who live in history: those who crowd a thing to its extreme limit, and those who then arise and cry, "Hold!" —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 3815 Heaven loves man more than man doth love himself.—*Juvenal*
- 3816 There is no fact more observable in literature than how many beautiful things have been said about man in the abstract, and how few about men in particular. —*Mme. L'Estrange*
- 3817 Your legs and breast bristle with shaggy hair, but your mind, Pannicus, shows no signs of manliness. —*Martial*
- 3818 All the power is with the sex that wears the beard. —*Molière*
- 3819 Every man carries within him the entire form of our human condition. —*Montaigne*
- 3820 Since that which bears all things,
O man, bears thee,
Do thou bear and be borne
In thy degree.
But if thou chafe, nor art
From anger free,
Still that which bears all things,
O man, bears thee.
—*Palladas*

- 3821 No man is so great as mankind. —*Theodore Parker*
- 3822 Man is but a reed, the weakest in nature, but he is a thinking reed.
—*Pascal*
- 3823 Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;
The proper study of mankind is man. —*Pope*
- 3824 God made man a little lower than the angels, and he has been
getting a little lower ever since. —*Will Rogers*
- 3825 Man at his birth is content with a little milk and a piece of
flannel: so we begin, that presently find kingdoms not enough
for us. —*Seneca*
- 3826 He that hath a beard is more than a youth, and he that hath no
beard is less than a man. —*Shakespeare*
- 3827 God made him, and therefore let him pass for a man.
—*Shakespeare*
- 3828 The more we study human nature, the less we think of men—
the more of man. —*Tilton*
- 3829 All that I care to know is that a man is a human being—that is
enough for me; he can't be any worse. —*Mark Twain*
- 3830 Adam and Eve had many advantages, but the principal one was,
that they escaped teething. —*Mark Twain*
- 3831 The fam'd *Essays on Man* in this agree,
That so things are, and therefore so should be:
The proof inverted would be stronger far;
So they should be, and therefore so they are.
—*On Pope's Essays on Man*
- 3832 Man, woman, and devil, are the three degrees of comparison.
- 3833 The real difference between men is not sanity and insanity, but
more or less insanity.
- 3834 If man sprang from monkeys he ought to spring once more and
make it a safe distance.
- 3835 God made Eve out of Adam's rib so that he might be able to
shift half of the blame on him.
- 3836 The white man's real burden is a lot of other white men.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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Women

MARRIAGE

- 3841 If it were not for the Presents, an Elopement would be Preferable.
—George Ade
- 3842 Marriage is that relation between man and woman in which the independence is equal, the dependence mutual, and the obligation reciprocal.
—L. K. Anspacher
- 3843 It is always incomprehensible to a man that a woman should refuse an offer of marriage.
—Austen
- 3844 Women, deceived by men, want to marry them! It is a kind of revenge as good as any other.
—Beaumanoir
- 3845 *Marriage*: a community consisting of a master, a mistress, and two slaves, making in all, two.
—Ambrose Bierce
- 3846 A fool and knave, with different views,
For Julia's hand apply;
The knave to mend his fortune sues,
The fool to please his eye.
Ask you how Julia will behave?
Depend on't for a rule,
If she's a fool she'll wed the knave,
If she's a knave, the fool.
—Samuel Bishop
- 3847 One was never married, and that's his hell; another is, and that's his plague.
—Burton
- 3848 Marriage and hanging go by destiny; matches are made in heaven.
—Burton
- 3849 Talk six times with the same single lady
And you may get the wedding-dress ready.
—Byron
- 3850 No one, saith my lady, would she rather wed than myself, not even if Jupiter himself crave her. Thus she saith! But what a woman tells an ardent lover ought fitly to be graven on the breezes and in running waters.
—Catullus
- 3851 The only solid and lasting peace between a man and his wife is doubtless a separation.
—Chesterfield
- 3852 Thus grief still treads upon the heels of pleasure;
Married in haste, we may repent at leisure.
—Congreve
- 3853 Misses! the tale that I relate
This lesson seems to carry—
Choose not alone a proper mate,
But proper time to marry.
—Cowper

- 3854 Wedlock, indeed, hath oft compared been
To public feasts, where meet a public rout—
Where they that are without would fain go in,
And they that are within would fain go out. —*Sir John Davies*
- 3855 Being asked whether it was better to marry or not, he (Socrates)
replied, "Whichever you do you will repent it."
—*Diogenes Laertius*
- 3856 Every woman should marry—and no man. —*Disraeli*
- 3857 The chain of wedlock is so heavy that it takes two to carry it—
sometimes three. —*Dumas*
- 3858 Men marry to make an end; women to make a beginning.
—*A. Dupuy*
- 3859 Men do not know their wives well; but wives know their hus-
bands perfectly. —*Feuillet*
- 3860 Company makes cuckolds. —*Thomas Fuller*
- 3861 In marriage, the greater cuckold of the two is the lover.
—*Paul Gauguin*
- 3862 Happiness untold awaits them
When the parson consecrates them. —*W. S. Gilbert*
- 3863 Fortune, talent, health—he had everything; but he was married.
—*C. G. Gleyre*
- 3864 Marriage is a ghastly public confession of a strictly private in-
tention. —*Ian Hay*
- 3865 For next to that interesting job,
The hanging of Jack, or Bill, or Bob,
There's nothing so draws a London mob
As the noosing of very rich people. —*Thomas Hood*
- 3866 A chap ort t' save a few o' the' long evenings he spends with his
girl till after they're married. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 3867 Marriage has many pains, but celibacy has few pleasures.
—*Johnson*
- 3868 Valour and courage to the young and strong,
A crown of wisdom to grey hairs belong.
Be of good cheer then; to thyself be true,
Get thee a wife and get thee children too.
—*Julianus Aegyptius*
- 3869 If marriage is to be a success, one should obviously begin by
marrying the right person. —*Hermann Keyserling*

- 3870 You may write it on his tombstone,
You may cut it on his card,
That a young man married
Is a young man marred. —*Kipling*
- 3871 Pleasant the snaffle of Courtship, improving the manners and
carriage,
But the colt who is wise will abstain from the terrible thorn-bit
of marriage. —*Kipling*
- 3872 Since you are so well matched, and so much alike—a very bad
wife, and a very bad husband—I wonder that you do not agree.
—*Martial*
- 3873 Paula wants to marry me, but I don't want to marry Paula: she
is so old. I might be willing if she were older. —*Martial*
- 3874 Paula, you want to marry Priscus,
I am not surprised: you are wise.
Priscus does not want to marry you.
He is wise too. —*Martial*
- 3875 Fabius buries all his wives:
Chrestilla ends her husbands' lives.
The torch, which from the marriage-bed
They brandish, soon attends the dead.
O Venus, link this conquering pair!
Their match will meet with issue fair,
Whereby for such dangerous *two*
A single funeral will do. —*Martial*
- 3876 Marriage, if truth be told (of this be sure),
An evil is—but one we must endure. —*Menander*
- 3877 The days just prior to marriage are like a snappy introduction to
a tedious book. —*Wilson Mizner*
- 3878 Marriage may often be a stormy lake, but celibacy is almost
always a muddy horse-pond. —*T. L. Peacock*
- 3879 Let sinful bachelors their woes deplore,
Full well they merit all they feel, and more. —*Pope*
- 3880 There swims no goose so gray, but soon or late,
She finds some honest gander for her mate. —*Pope*
- 3881 At the age of sixty, to marry a beautiful girl of sixteen is to imi-
tate those ignorant people who buy books to be read by their
friends. —*Ricard*
- 3882 The honeymoon is not actually over until we cease to stifle our
sighs and begin to stifle our yawns. —*Rowland*

- 3883 Marriage is a state of antagonistic cooperation. —*Schlossberg*
- 3884 Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 3885 What God hath joined together no man shall ever put asunder:
God will take care of that. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 3886 Some pray to marry the man they love,
My prayer will somewhat vary:
I humbly pray to Heaven above
That I love the man I marry. —*Rose P. Stokes*
- 3887 This I set down as a positive truth. A woman with fair opportunities, and without an absolute hump, may marry whom she likes. —*Thackeray*
- 3888 Remember, it's as easy to marry a rich woman as a poor woman. —*Thackeray*
- 3889 Nowadays all the married men live like bachelors, and all the bachelors like married men. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 3890 When a woman marries again, it is because she detested her first husband. When a man marries again, it is because he adored his first wife. Women try their luck; men risk theirs. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 3891 When man and wife at odds fall out,
Let Syntax be your tutor;
'Twixt masculine and feminine,
What should one be but neuter?
- 3892 When Loveless married Lady Jenny,
Whose beauty was the ready-penny,
"I chose her," says he, "like old plate,
Not for the fashion, but the weight."
- 3893 Marino Falieri of the beautiful wife;
Others enjoy her, he maintains her.
- 3894 "Marriage, not mirage, Jane, here in your letter:
With your education, you surely know better."
Quickly spoke my young wife, while I sat in confusion,
"Tis quite correct, Thomas: they're each an illusion."
- 3895 When Adam, waking, first his lids unfolds
In Eden's groves, beside him he beholds
Bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, and knows
His earliest sleep has proved his last repose.

- 3896 "Figures can never lie?" They can.
Do one and one make two?
Not when marriage addeth them up
And getteth answer true.
- 3897 More belongs to marriage than four bare legs in a bed.
- 3898 "I wish," he said, "you could make pies
Like Mother used to bake."
"And I," said she, "wish that you made
The dough pa used to make!"
- 3899 In marriage the eye finds, the heart chooses, the hand binds, and
death looses.
- 3900 You cannot weld cake-dough to cast iron, nor a girl to an old
man.
- 3901 Women make marriage enduring; they do not seem to weary of
its commonplace.
- 3902 When a woman marries her equal she condescends.
- 3903 Marriage lasts if love does not end before inertia sets in.
- 3904 The legend that "matrimony" is a lottery has almost ruined the
lottery business.
- 3905 Women wish to marry their first love; men do not marry even
their last.
- 3906 Marriage seems a tie that binds until it proves a veritable Gor-
dian knot.
- 3907 People who marry tease Fate.
- 3908 Love is a tie that binds; matrimony straps them together.
- 3909 Love makes marriage possible; habit makes it endurable.
- 3910 The life of a married man may be full of excitement, never of
surprises.
- 3911 The bride goes to her marriage-bed, but knows not what shall
happen to her.
- 3912 Commend a wedded life, but keep thyself a bachelor.
- 3913 A good many things are easier said than done—including the
marriage ritual.
- 3914 My heart still hovering round about you,
I thought I could not live without you;
Now we've liv'd three months asunder,
How I liv'd with you is the wonder.

3915 Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl.

3916 Marriage has many thorns, but celibacy no roses.

3917 It goes far toward reconciling me to being a woman, when I reflect that I am thus in no danger of marrying one.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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MARTYR

3921 They stood before the altar and supplied
The fire themselves in which their fat was fried.

—*Ambrose Bierce*

3922 Who would die a martyr to sense in a country where the religion
is folly?

—*Congreve*

3923 I die for your poverty and my wealth.

—*Fra Moriale*

3924 It is the cause, and not the death, that makes the martyr.

—*Napoleon*

3925 Some that will hold a creed unto martyrdom will not hold the
truth against a sneering laugh.

—*Austin O'Malley*

3926 It is interesting to realize that not all the people who have died
for an absurd idea lived an absurd life.

3927 In nature there are no martyrs: there are simply the dead and
the dying.

3928 It is pitiful that martyrdom fits women so well.

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MEDICINE

3931 Medicine, the only profession that labors incessantly to destroy
the reason for its own existence.

—*Lord Bryce*

3932 Nearly all men die of their remedies, and not of their illnesses.

—*Molière*

3933 The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from animals. —*Sir William Osler*

3934 If physic do not work, prepare for the kirk.

3935 I was well, would be better, took physic, and died.

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MEMORY

3941 I sit besides my lonely fire
And pray for wisdom yet:
For calmness to remember
Or courage to forget.

—*Aide*

3942 God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December. —*J. M. Barrie*

3943 My memory is the thing I forget with —*A child's definition*

3944 How cruelly sweet are the echoes that start
When memory plays an old tune on the heart. —*Cook*

3945 A long memory an' a long tongue er reg'lar ole cronies. —*Kin Hubbard*

3946 Cold natures have only recollections; tender natures have remembrances. —*Mme. de Krüdener*

3947 The proper memory for a politician is one that knows what to remember and what to forget. —*John Morley*

3948 A great memory does not make a philosopher, any more than a dictionary can be called a grammar. —*Cardinal Newman*

3949 Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. —*Santayana*

3950 The Right Honorable gentleman is indebted to his memory for his jests, and to his imagination for his facts. —*Sheridan*

3951 Memory is the diary that we all carry about with us. —*Oscar Wilde*

3952 Memory is the treasurer of the mind.

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MERCY

- 3961 We hand folks over to God's mercy, and show none ourselves.
—*George Eliot*
- 3962 Being all fashioned of the self-same dust,
Let us be merciful as well as just. —*Longfellow*
- 3963 Tigers have courage and the rugged bear,
But man alone can, whom he conquers spare. —*Waller*

RELATED SUBJECTS

Forgiveness

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MIRROR

- 3971 The mirror reflects all objects without being sullied.—*Confucius*
- 3972 What I admire most in men—
To sit opposite a mirror at dinner and not look in it.
—*Richard Harding Davis*
- 3973 There was never yet fair woman but she made mouths in a glass.
—*Shakespeare*
- 3974 Your looking-glass will tell you what none of your friends will.
- 3975 I change, and so do women too;
But I reflect, which women never do.
- 3976 There are gods in the mirror.
- 3977 A blind man will not thank you for a looking-glass.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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MISANTHROPE

- 3981 When the devil grows old he turns hermit. —*Ariosto*
- 3982 To fly from, need not be to hate mankind. —*Byron*
- 3983 The peculiarity of the New England hermit has not been his
desire to get near to God, but his anxiety to get away from
man. —*H. W. Mabie*
- 3984 A hermit is a deserter from the army of humanity. —*Southgate*

- 3985 A misanthrope I can understand—a womanthrope never.
—*Oscar Wilde*

RELATED SUBJECTS
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MISTAKES

- 3991 And one by one in turn, some grand mistake,
Casts off its bright skin yearly like the snake. —*Byron*
- 3992 There is a glory
In a great mistake. —*Nathalia Crane*
- 3993 The individual is always mistaken. —*Emerson*
- 3994 The greatest mistake you can make in this life is to be continually
fearing you will make one. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 3995 Woman was God's *second* mistake. —*Nietzsche*
- 3996 The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never
does anything. —*Theodore Roosevelt*
- 3997 The only things one never regrets are one's mistakes.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 3998 Wise men learn by other men's mistakes, fools by their own.
- 3999 By ignorance we mistake, and by mistakes we learn.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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MODESTY

- 4001 Modesty is the conscience of the body. —*Balzac*
- 4002 It is only the first obstacle which counts to conquer modesty.
—*Bossuet*
- 4003 A lady is one who never shows her underwear unintentionally.
—*Lillian Day*
- 4004 I have done one braver thing
Than all the Worthies did;
And yet a braver thence doth spring,
Which is, to keep that hid. —*John Donne*
- 4005 The peculiarity of prudery is to multiply sentinels, in proportion
as the fortress is less threatened. —*Victor Hugo*
- 4006 Modesty in woman is a virtue most deserving, since we do all we
can to cure her of it. —*Lingrée*

- 4007 To read my book, the virgin shy
 May blush, while Brutus standeth by:
 But when he's gone, read through what's writ,
 And never stain a cheek for it. —*Martial*
- 4008 If any one remains modest under blame, be assured he is so.
 —*J. P. Richter*
- 4009 Prudery is a kind of avarice, the worst of all. —*Stendhal*
- 4010 The statue that advertises its modesty with a fig leaf really brings
 its modesty under suspicion. —*Mark Twain*
- 4011 As demure as an old whore at a christening.
- 4012 He that has no modesty has all the town for his own.
- 4013 He that refuseth praise the first time does it because he would
 have it the second.
- 4014 A blush is modesty's first impulse and sophistication's afterthought.

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MONEY

- 4021 What this country needs is a good five cent nickel. —*F. P. A.*
- 4022 A money-lender. He serves you in the present tense; he lends you
 in the conditional mood; keeps you in the subjunctive; and
 ruins you in the future. —*Addison*
- 4023 Money is like manure, of very little use except it be spread.
 —*Bacon*
- 4024 To a shower of gold most things are penetrable. —*Carlyle*
- 4025 The use of money is all the advantage there is in having it.
 —*Franklin*
- 4026 He that makes money before he gets wit,
 Will be but a short while the master of it. —*Thomas Fuller*
- 4027 A penny will hide the biggest star in the universe if you hold it
 close enough to your eye. —*Samuel Grafton*
- 4028 The darkest hour in any man's life is when he sits down to plan
 how to get money without earning it. —*Horace Greeley*
- 4029 In order to make money the first thing is to have no need of it.
 —*Ludovic Halévy*

- 4030 There'll be no pockets in your shroud. —*James J. Hill*
- 4031 Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust.
—*O. W. Holmes*
- 4032 Money is a handmaiden if thou knowest how to use it; a mistress
if thou knowest not. —*Horace*
- 4033 Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest
of all mortals are those who have more of either than they
know how to use. —*Johnson*
- 4034 That for which all virtue now is sold,
And almost every vice—almighty gold. —*Jonson*
- 4035 The plainest print cannot be read through a gold eagle.—*Lincoln*
- 4036 A man left gold; another took it; left a noose,
So the first hanged himself; having but life to lose. —*Plato*
- 4037 Oh, what a world of vile ill-favored faults looks handsome in
three hundred pounds a year! —*Shakespeare*
- 4038 Let all the learned say what they can,
'Tis ready money makes the man. —*William Somerville*
- 4039 No man will take counsel, but every man will take money. Therefore,
money is better than counsel. —*Swift*
- 4040 But the jingling of the guinea helps the hurt that Honor feels.
—*Tennyson*
- 4041 Broadway is a place where people spend money they haven't
earned to buy things they don't need to impress people they
don't like. —*Walter Winchell*
- 4042 If breath were made for every man to buy,
The poor man could not live, rich would not die.
—*Sir Henry Wotton*
- 4043 He that gets money before he gets wit,
Will be but a short while master of it.
- 4044 Though confidence is very fine,
And makes the future sunny;
I want no confidence for mine,
I'd rather have the money.
- 4045 Mud with a little gold in it is often more highly prized than gold
with a little mud on it.
- 4046 Money talks; little of it palavers.
- 4047 Money polishes the poor, but with a very dull finish.

- 4048 If money is at the root of all evil, it is also at the root of all morality.
- 4049 When money talks it registers a lively conversation.
- 4050 Gold goes in at any gate except heaven's.
- 4051 Why "golden," when that age alone, we're told,
Was blessed with happy ignorance of gold?
More justly we our venal times might call
"The golden age," for gold is all in all.
- 4052 Some people think they are worth a lot of money because they have it.
- 4053 There has been much argument in recent years about a fitting motto for the coin of the realm. We suggest "Abide With Me."
- 4054 Money may talk, but have you ever noticed how hard of hearing it is when you call it?
- 4055 Money, in the opinion of the world, makes a man wise and virtuous; the want of it, foolish and wicked.
- 4056 Money and man a mutual friendship show;
Man makes false money, money makes man so.
- 4057 Your Bible, madam, teems with wealth;
Within the leaves it floats.
Delightful is the sacred text,
But heavenly the notes.
—On a lady who kept her bank-notes in a Bible
- 4058 You can't take it with you.

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Patriotism 4336
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RELATED SUBJECTS
Business
Credit
Wealth

MONUMENT

- 4061 Th' dead ar-re always pop'lar. I knowed a society wanst to vote a monymment to a man an' refuse to help his fam'ly, all in wan night.
—F. P. Dunne
- 4062 In lapidary inscriptions a man is not upon oath. *—Johnson*
- 4063 See nations slowly wise, and meanly just,
To buried merit raise the tardy bust. *—Johnson*

- 4064 Cato said, "I had rather men should ask why my statue is not set up, than why it is." —*Plutarch*

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Criticism 1257
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RELATED SUBJECTS
Epitaphs
Fame
Memory

MORALITY

- 4071 "Tut, tut, child!" said the Duchess.
"Everything's got a moral, if you only can find it. —*Carroll*
- 4072 If good men were only better,
Would the wicked be so bad? —*J. W. Chadwick*
- 4073 Every man is to be had one way or another, and every woman
almost any way. —*Chesterfield*
- 4074 From the point of view of morals, life seems to be divided into
two periods; in the first we indulge, in the second we preach.
—*Will Durant*
- 4075 Moral qualities rule the world, but at short distances the senses
are despotic. —*Emerson*
- 4076 A man's acts are usually right, but his reasons seldom are.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 4077 This story is slightly immoral, but so, I guess, are all stories based
on truth. —*Ring Lardner*
- 4078 Understanding the rainbow is physics, but delight at the rainbow
is morality! —*Lin Yutang*
- 4079 The Puritan hated bear-baiting, not because it gave pain to the
bear, but because it gave pleasure to the spectators.
—*Macaulay*
- 4080 To him in whose eyes no one is bad, who can appear good?
—*Martial*
- 4081 All the dissolute rascals invite you to dinner, Phœbus. He whom
impurity feeds is not, I opine, a spotless person. —*Martial*
- 4082 A straight line is shortest in morals as well as in geometry.
—*Rachel*
- 4083 An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only comfortable.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 4084 The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is.
—*G. B. Shaw*

- 4085 Better keep yourself clean and bright: you are the window
through which you must see the world. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 4086 Every generation needs regeneration. —*C. H. Spurgeon*
- 4087 The Puritan through Life's sweet garden goes
To pluck the thorn and cast away the rose.
- 4088 Morality curtails the chance to entertain.
- 4089 Morality is based on a consideration of circumstances—not principles.
- 4090 There is no woman who couldn't be cajoled into the belief that
she has a perfect right to be immoral if she wants to be.
- 4091 No man is better than his morals nor worse than his principles.
- 4092 Morals make characters, not personalities.
- 4093 Morality is nothing but a struggle for safety.
- 4094 Morals are set up by men who hate or women who envy.
- 4095 Conventions are the *valet de chambre* of morality.

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Censorship
Crime
Decency
Good
Sin
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Virtue
Wickedness

MOTHER

- 4101 Where yet was ever found a mother
Who'd give her booby for another? —*John Gay*
- 4102 Simply having children does not make mothers. —*A. Shedd*
- 4103 The mother knows best whether the child be like the father.

SEE ALSO

Courtship 1175
France 2347
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RELATED SUBJECTS

Children
Family
Father

MUSIC

- 4111 Life has its music; let us seek a way
Not to jangle the chords whereon we play.
—*Archilochus of Paros*

- 4112 Music washes away from the soul the dust of every-day life.
—*Auerbach*
- 4113 In my opinion, the great object of music is to touch the heart, and this end can never be obtained by mere noise, drumming and arpeggios. At all events not by me.
—*Karl Philipp Emanuel Bach*
- 4114 Swans sing before they die; 'twere no bad thing
Should certain persons die before they sing. —*Coleridge*
- 4115 'And music pours on mortals
Her magnificent disdain. —*Emerson*
- 4116 Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing. —*John Erskine*
- 4117 Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent. —*Victor Hugo*
- 4118 A squeak's heard in the orchestra,
The leader draws across
The intestines of the agile cat
The tail of the noble hoss. —*Lanigan*
- 4119 Music is the universal language of mankind. —*Longfellow*
- 4120 The fantasies of music are governed by art, mine by chance.
—*Montaigne*
- 4121 Piano playing is more difficult than statesmanship. It is harder to awake emotions in ivory keys than it is in human beings.
—*Paderewski*
- 4122 Music that gentler on the spirit lies
Than tired eyelids upon tired eyes. —*Tennyson*
- 4123 Opera: the graveyard of melody.
- 4124 Millions of dollars are spent on the opera which could be used in abolishing it.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Art
Beauty

N

NATURE

- 4131 In nature things move violently to their place, and calmly in their place.
—*Bacon*
- 4132 Nature is the art of God. —*Sir Thomas Browne*

- 4133 I shall not ask Jean Jacques Rousseau
If birds confabulate or no. —*Cowper*
- 4134 We talk of our mastery of nature, which sounds very grand ; but
the fact is we respectfully adapt ourselves, first, to her ways.
—*Clarence Day*
- 4135 Frost is the greatest artist in our clime—
He paints in nature and describes in rime. —*Thomas Hood*
- 4136 The birds, God's poor who cannot wait. —*Longfellow*
- 4137 All are but parts of one stupendous whole,
Whose body Nature is, and God the soul. —*Pope*
- 4138 All Nature is but Art, unknown to thee ;
All Chance, Direction, which thou canst not see. —*Pope*
- 4139 A stern discipline pervades all nature, which is a little cruel that
it may be very kind. —*Herbert Spencer*
- 4140 There's no time for a man to recover his hair that grows bald by
nature. —*Shakespeare*
- 4141 So, naturalists observe, a flea
Hath smaller fleas that on him prey ;
And these have smaller still to bite 'em ;
And so proceed *ad infinitum*. —*Swift*
- 4142 Few folk hae seen oftener than me Natur gettin' up i' the morn-
ing . . . Never see ye her hair in papers. —*John Wilson*
- 4143 The course of Nature is the art of God. —*Young*
- 4144 In nature there are no rights ; there are only duties.
- 4145 The poet and ornithologist
Differ in ways absurd.
One writes—"The bird is on the wing ;"
The other answers—"No such thing ! The wing is on the bird."
- 4146 Never look for birds of this year in the nests of the last.

SEE ALSO

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Fools 2286

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Virtue 5692

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Beauty

God

Tree

NECESSITY

- 4151 Necessity makes an honest man a knave.

—*Defoe*

- 4152 Make yourself necessary to somebody. —*Emerson*
 4153 Necessity never made a good bargain. —*Franklin*
 4154 Necessity may render a doubtful act innocent, but it cannot make it praiseworthy. —*Joubert*
 4155 Necessity is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves. —*Pitt*

4156 A wise man never refuses anything to necessity.—*Publilius Syrus*

4157 Where necessity pinches, boldness is prudence.

SEE ALSO

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Fate

Poverty

Wealth

NEIGHBOR

4161 For many reasons 'tis unwisely said
 To know thyself; more profitable it is
 To know thy neighbors! —*Menander*

4162 A happy creature is your snail indeed!
 Just where he pleases he can live and feed.
 And if a neighbor gives him any bother,
 With house on back he moves off to another. —*Philemon*

4163 Good neighbours and true friends are two things.

4164 Love your neighbor, yet pull not down your hedge.

4165 We can live without our friends, but not without our neighbours.

SEE ALSO

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Peace 4353, 4357

Selfishness 4996

RELATED SUBJECT

Friend

NEWS

4171 Journalism is organized gossip. —*Edward Eggleston*

4172 Do not read newspapers column by column; remember they are made for everybody, and don't try to get what isn't meant for you. —*Emerson*

4173 Tilford Moots wuz over t' th' Henryville poor farm th' other day
 t' see an ole friend o' his thet used t' publish a newspaper thet
 pleased ever'buddy. —*Kin Hubbard*

4174 The most truthful part of a newspaper is the advertisements.

—*Jefferson*

4175 Newspapers always excite curiosity. No one ever lays one down without a feeling of disappointment. —*Lamb*

4176 In the case of news, we should always wait for the sacrament of confirmation. —*Voltaire*

4177 The word explains itself, without the muse,
And the four letters speak from whence comes *news*.
From North, East, West, South, the solution's made,
Each quarter gives accounts of war and trade.

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Wife 5868

RELATED SUBJECTS
Curiosity
Gossip

NOISE

4181 He who sleeps in continual noise is wakened by silence. —*W. D. Howells*

4182 People who make no noise are dangerous. —*La Fontaine*

4183 If you love not the noise of the bells, why pull the ropes?

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Virtue 5666

RELATED SUBJECT
Listening

NONSENSE

4191 For daring nonsense seldom fails to hit,
Like scattered shot, and pass with some for wit.—*Samuel Butler*

4192 No one is exempt from talking nonsense; the misfortune is to do it solemnly. —*Montaigne*

4193 A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the wisest men.

RELATED SUBJECTS
Fools
Laughter

O

OATH

4201 It is not the oath that makes us believe the man, but the man the oath. —*Aeschylus*

4202 Oaths are the fossils of piety. —*Santayana*

4203 The vow that binds too strictly snaps itself. —*Tennyson*

4204 Better break your word than do worse in keeping it.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Honor

Lies

OBSTINACY

4211 Obstinacy in a bad cause is but constancy in a good.

—*Thomas Browne*

4212 An obstinate man does not hold opinions, but they hold him.

—*Samuel Butler*

4213 A narrow mind begets obstinacy; we do not easily believe what we cannot see.

—*Dryden*

4214 There is no bigotry like that of "free thought" run to seed.

—*Horace Greeley*

4215 None so blind as those that will not see.

—*Matthew Henry*

4216 The mind of the bigot is like the pupil of the eye; the more light you pour upon it, the more it will contract.

—*O. W. Holmes*

4217 Arrogance is the obstruction of wisdom.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Opinion

Prejudice

Perseverance

OPINION

4221 *To be positive*: to be mistaken at the top of one's voice.

—*Ambrose Bierce*

4222 Opinion governs all mankind,
Like the blind's leading of the blind.

—*Samuel Butler*

4223 He that complies against his will
Is of his own opinion still.

—*Samuel Butler*

4224 Whoso would be a man must be a non-conformist.

—*Emerson*

4225 As our inclinations, so our opinions.

—*Goethe*

4226 Any stigma will do to beat a dogma.

—*Philip Guedalla*

4227 None so deaf as those that will not hear.

—*Matthew Henry*

4228 Dogmatism is puppyism come to its full growth.

—*Douglas Jerrold*

4229 A bigot is a person who, under an atheist king, would be an atheist.

—*La Bruyère*

- 4230 Opinions is a species of property
I am always desirous of sharing. —*Lamb*
- 4231 We hardly find any persons of good sense save those who agree
with us. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 4232 Opinion! which on crutches walks,
And sounds the words another talks. —*Lloyd*
- 4233 The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinion.
—*Lowell*
- 4234 I value little my own opinions, but I value just as little those of
others. —*Montaigne*
- 4235 Some praise at morning what they blame at night,
But always think the last opinion right. —*Pope*
- 4236 The difference is as great between
The optics seeing as the objects seen. —*Pope*
- 4237 No errors of opinion can possibly be dangerous in a country where
opinion is left free to grapple with them. —*Simms*
- 4238 A bigot delights in public ridicule, for he begins to think he is a
martyr. —*Sydney Smith*
- 4239 It is difference of opinion that makes horse races.—*Mark Twain*
- 4240 Contradiction: stubbornness versus stupidity.
- 4241 Public opinion is the greatest force for good, when it happens to
be on that side.
- 4242 After all, public opinion is just what people think other people
are thinking.
- 4243 We ask for information, but are interested mostly in what con-
firms our opinions.
- 4244 The weakness of public opinion is that so many people express
it only privately.
- 4245 A man is oftener raised in the estimation of his fellow-men by
opposition, than lowered in their esteem.
- 4246 People's minds are changed through their pockets.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Belief
Criticism
Prejudice
Judgment
Obstinacy

OPPORTUNITY

- 4251 If you trap the moment before it's ripe,
The tears of repentance you'll certainly wipe;
But if once you let the ripe moment go,
You can never wipe off the tears of woe. —*Blake*
- 4252 Not only strike while the iron is hot, but make it hot by striking.
—*Cromwell*
- 4253 The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes. —*Disraeli*
- 4254 Seek not for fresher fountains afar,
Just drop your bucket where you are. —*S. W. Foss*
- 4255 Even a wolf will not stay
Where sounds no bleat to offer hope of prey. —*Greek epigram*
- 4256 He knocked at each one
Of the doorways of life, and abode in none. —*Lucile*
- 4257 The man who waits for things to turn up has his eyes fixed on his toes.
—*Creswell MacLaughlin*
- 4258 A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities; an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.
—*Vice-Admiral Mansell, R. N.*
- 4259 On the fall of an oak, every man gathers wood. —*Menander*
- 4260 I have known many who could not when they would, for they had not done it when they could. —*Rabeia*
- 4261 God's best gift to us is not things, but opportunities.
—*Alice W. Rollins*
- 4262 Never refuse a good offer.
- 4263 Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Chance
Fortune
Luck

OPTIMISM

- 4271 The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made. —*Browning*

- 4272 I hold not with the pessimist that all things are ill, nor with the optimist that all things are well. All things are not well, but all things shall be well, because this is God's world.
—*Browning*
- 4273 This the best day the world has ever seen. Tomorrow will be better.
—*R. A. Campbell*
- 4274 Be sure to live on the sunny side, and even then do not expect the world to look bright, if you habitually wear gray-brown glasses.
—*Charles H. Eliot*
- 4275 The place where optimism most flourishes is the lunatic asylum.
—*Havelock Ellis*
- 4276 So of cheerfulness, or a good temper, the more it is spent, the more of it remains.
—*Emerson*
- 4277 An ounce of cheerfulness is worth a pound of sadness to serve God with.
—*Thomas Fuller*
- 4278 A widespreading, hopeful disposition is the best umbrella for this vale of tears.
—*W. D. Howells*
- 4279 Optimism is a kind of heart stimulant—the digitalis of failure.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 4280 It is worth a thousand pounds a year to have the habit of looking on the bright side of things.
—*Johnson*
- 4281 Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.
—*Helen Keller*
- 4282 Optimism is the madness of maintaining that everything is right when it is wrong.
—*Voltaire*
- 4283 'Twixt optimist and pessimist
The difference is droll:
The optimist sees the doughnut,
The pessimist, the hole.
—*McLandburgh Wilson*
- 4284 If it wasn't for the optimist the pessimist would never know how happy he isn't.
- 4285 To become an optimist close one eye and believe with the other.
- 4286 Optimist: one who is satisfied with little here below and generally gets below that little.
- 4287 An optimist may be wrong, but he bears mistakes with fortitude.

SEE ALSO
Opportunity 4258

RELATED SUBJECTS
Courage Hope
Faith Pessimism

ORIGINALITY

- 4291 An original something, dear maid, you would wish me
To write; but how shall I begin?
For I'm sure I have nothing original in me,
Excepting Original Sin. —*Thomas Campbell*
- 4292 Originality is simply a pair of fresh eyes. —*T. W. Higginson*,
- 4293 Originality is undetected plagiarism. —*Dean Inge*
- 4294 Though old the thought and oft exprest,
'Tis his at last who says it best. —*Lowell*
- 4295 Originality is the one thing which unoriginal minds cannot feel
the use of. —*J. S. Mill*

RELATED SUBJECTS

Imagination

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P

PAIN

- 4301 Those who do not feel pain seldom think that it is felt.—*Johnson*
- 4302 Nothing begins, and nothing ends,
That is not paid with moan;
For we are born in other's pain,
And perish in our own. —*Thompson*
- 4303 But, soon or late, the fact grows plain
To all through sorrow's test:
The only folks who give us pain
Are those we love the best. —*E. W. Wilcox*
- 4304 There are wounds from which it is a pity to recover.
- 4305 If madness were pain, you'd hear outcries in every house.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Bed

Doctors

Grief

Sickness

PASSION

- 4311 To lepers and to outcasts thou dost show
That passion is the paradise below. —*Baudelaire*

- 4312 Absence diminishes little passions and increases great ones, just as the wind blows out a candle and fans a fire.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 4313 The passionate are like men standing on their heads; they see all things the wrong way.
—*Plato*
- 4314 The mind by passion driven from its firm hold, becomes a feather to each wind that blows.
—*Shakespeare*
- 4315 Our passions are like convulsion fits, which, though they make us stronger for the time, leave us the weaker ever after. —*Swift*
- 4316 She parried time's malicious dart,
And kept the years at bay,
Till passion entered in her heart
And aged her in a day! —*E. W. Wilcox*
- 4317 There is no virtue in the purity that waits until the fires of passion are burned out.
- 4318 It is the weak who can control their passions—they have such weak passions.

SEE ALSO

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Anger
Desire
Hate
Kiss
Love
Revenge

PATIENCE

- 4321 He preacheth patience that never knew pain. —*Bohn*
- 4322 It is easy finding reasons why other folks should be patient.
—*George Eliot*
- 4323 The two powers which in my opinion constitute a wise man are those of bearing and forbearing.
—*Epictetus*
- 4324 Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet. —*Rousseau*
- 4325 How poor are they who have not patience! What wound did ever heal but by degrees.
—*Shakespeare*
- 4326 A man is as big as the things that annoy him.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Haste
Philosophy
Resignation
Worry

PATRIOTISM

- 4331 Love of country is like love of woman—he loves her best who seeks to bestow on her the highest good. —*Felix Adler*
- 4332 Patriotism is a lively sense of collective responsibility. Nationalism is a silly cock crowing on its own dunghill. —*Aldington*
- 4333 It is not I who have lost the Athenians, but the Athenians who have lost me. —*Anaxagoras*
- 4334 A wise man's country is the world. —*Aristippus*
- 4335 He who loves not his country can love nothing. —*Byron*
- 4336 "The American nation in the Sixth Ward is a fine people," he says, "They love th' eagle," he says, "on the back iv a dollar." —*F. P. Dunne*
- 4337 I once heard an Irishman say, "Every man loves his native land whether he was born there or not." —*Thomas Fitch*
- 4338 My country is the world; my countrymen are mankind. —*William Lloyd Garrison*
- 4339 I don't set up for being a cosmopolite, which to my mind signifies being polite to every country except your own. —*Thomas Hood*
- 4340 Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. —*Johnson*
- 4341 Saving their land that fettered lay and sad,
Themselves in dust of darkness these men clad:
Seeing the praise they won for valour high,
For his dear land a man may dare to die. —*Masalcas*
- 4342 Patriotism is a kind of religion; it is the egg from which wars are hatched. —*Guy de Maupassant*
- 4343 Patriotism is the willingness to kill and be killed for trivial reasons. —*Bertrand Russell*
- 4344 Men love their country, not because it is great, but because it is their own. —*Seneca*
- 4345 The proper means of increasing the love we bear to our native country is to reside some time in a foreign one. —*William Shenstone*
- 4346 Stranger, bear this message to the Spartans, that we lie here obedient to their laws. —*Simonides, on the dead at Thermopylae*

- 4347 If noble death be virtue's chiefest part,
 We above all men are by Fortune blest.
 Striving with freedom's crown to honor Greece,
 We died, and here in endless glory rest. —*Simonides*

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RELATED SUBJECTS
 America
 Duty
 Oath

PEACE

- 4351 Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.
 —*Emerson*
- 4352 When your foes die, let all resentment cease;
 Make peace with death, and death shall give you peace!
 —*Greek epigram*
- 4353 Man's greatest blunder has been in trying to make peace with the
 skies instead of making peace with his neighbors.
 —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 4354 "Peace has its victories no less than war," but it doesn't have as
 many monuments t' unveil. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 4355 They make a desolation and they call it peace. —*Tacitus*
- 4356 It is madness for a sheep to treat of peace with a wolf.
- 4357 Nobody can live longer in peace than his neighbour pleases.
- 4358 He that makes a good war makes a good peace.
- 4359 A deceitful peace is more hurtful than open war.
- 4360 No doubt peace hath its victories, but what the world needs is a
 victory that hath its peace.
- 4361 The trouble with peace propaganda is that when it's permitted it
 isn't necessary, and when it's necessary it isn't permitted.
- 4362 Hard to dislike a chap who likes you, isn't it? Well, there's your
 peace plan.
- 4363 Peace is in danger of becoming a mere skeleton in armor.
- 4364 The world craves peace that passeth all misunderstanding.
- 4365 To be enduring, a peace must be enduring.

SEE ALSO
 Compromise 927
 Kings 3295
 Marriage 3851

RELATED SUBJECTS
 Content
 Dictators
 Power
 War

PEN

- 4371 Beneath the rule of men entirely great,
The pen is sometimes mightier than the sword.—*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 4372 Pen and ink is wit's plough. —*John Clarke*
- 4373 Many wearing rapiers are afraid of goose-quills. —*Shakespeare*
- 4374 Pens are most dangerous tools, more sharp by odds
Than swords, and cut more keen than whips or rods.
—*John Taylor*
- 4375 There's no wound deeper than a pen can give,
It makes men living dead, and dead men live. —*John Taylor*

RELATED SUBJECTS

Books
Literature
Writers

PEOPLE

- 4381 The multitude is always in the wrong. —*Wentworth Dillon*
- 4382 Whatever you may be sure of, be sure of this, that you are dread-
fully like other people. —*Lowell*
- 4383 People are more fun than anybody. —*Dorothy Parker*
- 4384 I am a member of the rabble in good standing.
—*Westbrook Pegler*
- 4385 I've been mixing with humanity today and feel the less humane
in consequence. —*Seneca*
- 4386 Once in a golden hour
I cast to earth a seed.
Up there came a flower,
The people said, a weed. —*Tennyson*
- 4387 The only real people are the people who never existed.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 4388 "The voice of the people" is very much in need of a megaphone.
- 4389 A psychologist objects to what he calls "herd thinking," but what
a majority of people think is always what they've heard.
- 4390 The public mind is educated quickly by *events*—slowly by
arguments.

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Deception 1436, 1443
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RELATED SUBJECTS
Democracy
Government
Man

PERSEVERANCE

- 4391 Consider the postage stamp, my son. It secures success through its ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.
—*Josh Billings*
- 4392 We make way for the man who boldly pushes past us.
—*C. N. Bovée*
- 4393 A man in earnest finds means, or if he cannot find, creates them.
—*Channing*
- 4394 Diligence is the mother of good luck.
—*Franklin*
- 4395 The best way out is always through.
—*Robert Frost*
- 4396 Not to go back is somewhat to advance.
—*Horace*
- 4397 The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.
—*T. H. Huxley*
- 4398 When firmness is sufficient, rashness is unnecessary. —*Napoleon*
- 4399 Stay awhile to make an end the sooner.
—*Paulet*
- 4400 'Tis known by the name of perseverance in a good cause—and of obstinacy in a bad one.
—*Sterne*
- 4401 Persistency is a fool's best asset.
- 4402 The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will and the other from a strong won't.
- 4403 I will find a way or make one.

SEE ALSO

Fish 2232

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Obstinacy

Work

PERSUASION

- 4411 Man is a creature of a wilful head,
and hardly driven is, but eas'ly led.
—*Samuel Daniel*
- 4412 Few are open to conviction, but the majority of men are open to persuasion.
—*Goethe*
- 4413 If you would win a man to your cause, first convince him that you are his sincere friend.
—*Lincoln*
- 4414 You have not converted a man because you have silenced him.
—*John Morley*

4415 Conversion is not implanting eyes, for they exist already; but giving them a right direction, which they have not. —*Plato*

4416 Consideration is half conversion.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Advice

Quarrels

Teaching

PESSIMISM

4421 Pessimism is only the name that men of weak nerves give to wisdom. —*Bernard De Voto*

4422 She not only expects the worst, but makes the most of it when it happens. —*Hugh Mearns*

4423 He who foresees calamities, suffers them twice over.—*B. Porteus*

4424 Pessimist: one who sizes himself up and gets sore about it.

SEE ALSO

Opportunity 4258

RELATED SUBJECTS

Cynicism

Doubt

Despair

Optimism

PHILOSOPHY

4431 In Philosophy, on thought's peak, my friend,
Thou countedst years as so much coin to spend
On it, and would'st have thanked death that it used
Bland age, not dull disease to make an end.
—*Dionysius of Cyzicus*

4432 Those who never philosophized until they met with disappointments, have mostly become disappointed philosophers.
—*Arthur Helps*

4433 'Tis well to have a theory, and sit in the center of it.
—*Katharina of Holland*

4434 It is a great advantage for a system of philosophy to be substantially true.
—*Santayana*

4435 Philosophy did not find Plato already a nobleman, it made him one.
—*Seneca*

4436 To be philosophy's slave is to be free.
—*Seneca*

4437 For there was never yet philosopher
That could endure the toothache patiently. —*Shakespeare*

4438 A man gazing on the stars is proverbially at the mercy of the puddles on the road.
—*Alexander Smith*

4439 Philosophy: despair's shot at happiness.

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Doubt 1695
Memory 3948

RELATED SUBJECTS
Patience
Thought
Wisdom

PITY

4441 Most of our misfortunes are more supportable than the comments of our friends upon them. —*C. C. Colton*

4442 If every man's internal care
Were written on his brow,
How many would our pity share,
Who raise our envy now! —*Landor*

4443 I think he needs our pity who likes none. —*Martial*

4444 Compassion is the basis of all morality. —*Schopenhauer*

4445 There is no suffering which pity will not insult.

SEE ALSO
Complaint 901
Conceit 937
Husband 3026

RELATED SUBJECTS
Kindness
Mercy

PLEASURE

4451 Pleasure must succeed to pleasure, else past pleasure turns to pain. —*Browning*

4452 Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter,
Sermons and soda-water the day after. —*Byron*

4453 Thus always teasing others, always teas'd,
His only pleasure is—to be displeas'd. —*Cowper*

4454 Whenever you are sincerely pleased your are nourished. —*Emerson*

4455 If you would rule the world quietly, you must keep it amused. —*Emerson*

4456 Fly the pleasure that bites tomorrow. —*Herbert*

4457 Follow pleasure, and then will pleasure flee;
Flee pleasure, and pleasure will follow thee. —*Heywood*

4458 No man is a hypocrite in his pleasures. —*Johnson*

4459 Ever let the Fancy roam,
Pleasure never is at home. —*Keats*

4460 My theory is to enjoy life, but the practice is against it.—*Lamb*

- 4461 Since few large pleasures are lent us on a long lease, it is wise to cultivate a large undergrowth of small pleasures.
—*Mary A. Livermore*
- 4462 You can't live on amusement. It is the froth on water, an inch deep, and then the mud!
—*George Macdonald*
- 4463 A reveler I go, freighted with fire, not wine, beneath the region of my heart.
—*Meleager*
- 4464 Find here what each desires: men's pleasure goes
Strange ways: one pulls a thorn and one a rose. —*Petronius*
- 4465 Amusement is the happiness of those who cannot think.—*Pope*
- 4466 The test of an enjoyment is the remembrance which it leaves behind.
—*J. P. Richter*
- 4467 To know how to despise pleasure is itself a pleasure. —*Seneca*
- 4468 There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second.
—*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 4469 Ah that such sweet things should be fleet,
Such fleet things sweet! —*Swinburne*
- 4470 And sometimes tell what sweetness is in gall. —*Wyat*
- 4471 A man of pleasure is a man of pains. —*Young*
- 4472 Most pleasures, like flowers, when gathered, die. —*Young*
- 4473 Past pain is pleasure.
- 4474 There is a sense of immortality in pleasure which is not found in happiness.
- 4475 The pleasure is over, but the disgrace remains.
- 4476 Comfort is the happiness of the indolent, while pleasure is the comfort of the unhappy.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Happiness
Laughter
Sport

POETRY, *see page 236.*

POLITICS

- 4481 Practical politics consists in ignoring facts. —*Henry Adams*

- 4482 All political parties die at last of swallowing their own lies.
—*John Arbuthnot*
- 4483 Give the people issues, and you will not have to sell your souls
for campaign funds.
—*William E. Borah*
- 4484 In politics, merit is rewarded by the possessor being raised, like a
target, to a position to be fired at.
—*C. N. Bovée*
- 4485 An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay
bought.
—*Simon Cameron*
- 4486 In politics a capable ruler must be guided by circumstances, con-
jectures and conjunctions.
—*Catherine II*
- 4487 A politician thinks of the next election, a statesman, of the next
generation.
—*J. F. Clarke*
- 4488 To let politics become a cesspool, and then avoid it because it is
a cesspool, is a double crime.
—*Howard Crosby*
- 4489 The world is wearied of statesmen whom democracy has degraded
into politicians.
—*Disraeli*
- 4490 Damn your principles! Stick to your party.
—*Disraeli to Bulwer-Lytton*
- 4491 Policy consists in serving God in such a manner as not to offend
the devil.
—*Thomas Fuller*
- 4492 Corruption, the most infallible symptom of constitutional liberty.
—*Gibbon*
- 4493 A statesman should follow public opinion as a coachman follows
his horses; having firm hold on the reins, and guiding them.
—*J. C. Hare*
- 4494 Paramount is making sure I won't be typed. In "Nothing But the
Truth" I play the part of a fellow who is always truthful and
in "Louisiana Purchase" I'm a politician.
—*Bob Hope*
- 4495 Politics is very much like taxes—everybody is against them, or
everybody is for them as long as they don't apply to him.
—*Fiorello H. LaGuardia*
- 4496 Ballots are the rightful and peaceful successors of bullets.
—*Lincoln*
- 4497 Many a live wire would be a dead one except for his connections.
—*Wilson Mizner*
- 4498 Any party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised
if its opponents blame it for the drought.
—*Morrow*

- 4499 People vote their resentment, not their appreciation. The average man does not vote for anything, but against something.
—*Munro*
- 4500 There is no more independence in politics than there is in jail.
—*Will Rogers*
- 4501 I took the Canal Zone and let Congress debate, and while the debate goes on the canal does too.
—*Theodore Roosevelt*
- 4502 A politician . . . one that would circumvent God.
—*Shakespeare*
- 4503 Politics . . . are but the cigar smoke of a man.
—*Thoreau*
- 4504 I am not a politician, and my other habits are good.
—*Artemus Ward*
- 4505 My pollertics, like my religion, being of an exceedin' accom-
modatin' character.
—*Artemus Ward*
- 4506 Politicians are as good as you are, for the way you vote creates politicians.
- 4507 Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.
- 4508 Midas, they say possessed the art, of old,
Of turning whatso'er he touched to gold.
This modern statesmen can reverse with ease;
Touch them with gold, they'll turn to what you please.
- 4509 The difference is that a statesman thinks he belongs to the State,
and a politician thinks the State belongs to him.
- 4510 One of the most curious things about American politics is that
without a single historical exception a partisan is invariably a
member of the other party.
- 4511 Lincoln was right, of course; you can't fool all of the people all
of the time; but you only have to fool a majority.
- 4512 In political matters much may be said on both sides, and it
always is.
- 4513 Another trouble about the growth of the country is that it in-
evitably means more congressmen.

SEE ALSO

Conscience 964
Conservative 971
Hunger 2992
Memory 3947

RELATED SUBJECTS

Democracy
Diplomacy
Government

POETRY

- 4521 Poets are all who love, who feel great truths,
And tell them; and the truth of truths is love.—*Philip J. Bailey*
- 4522 Would you have your songs endure?
Build on the human heart. —*Browning*
- 4523 Troy owes to Homer what whist owes to Hoyle. —*Byron*
- 4524 True poets should be chaste, I know,
But wherefore should their lines be so? —*Catullus*
- 4525 Most wretched men
Are cradled into poetry by wrong:
They learn in suffering what they teach in song. —*Catullus*
- 4526 Free verse is like free love; it is a contradiction in terms.
—*Chesterton*
- 4527 Seven wealthy towns contend for Homer dead,
Through which the living Homer begged his bread. —*Dryden*
- 4528 I never indulge in poetics
Unless I'am down with rheumatics. —*Ennius*
- 4529 Vain was the chief's, the sage's pride!
They had no poet, and they died. —*Horace*
- 4530 Poetry is the bill and coo of sex. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 4531 Past ruin'd Ilion Helen lives,
Alcestis rises from the shades;
Verse calls them forth; 'tis verse that gives
Immortal youth to mortal maids. —*andor*
- 4532 For but two faults our fair poet Eglé the worse is:
She makes her own face, though she don't make her verses!
—*Lebrun*
- 4533 There are three kinds of limericks; limericks to be told when
ladies are present; limericks to be told when ladies are absent
but clergymen are present—and limericks. —*Don Marquis*
- 4534 Publishing a volume of verse is like dropping a rose-petal down
the Grand Canyon and waiting for the echo. —*Don Marquis*
- 4535 Poetry is what Milton saw when he went blind.—*Don Marquis*
- 4536 When a poet presents you with blank leaves you should consider
it no small present. —*Martial*
- 4537 When Oppianus lost his color he took to writing verses.—*Martial*

- 4538 For all their compliments, do verses pay?
They mayn't, yet these same poems make me gay. —*Martial*
- 4539 Lo! I the man for trifles unsurpassed:
You mayn't admire me, but I hold you fast.
Great themes are for great bards: enough to see
You oft re-reading my light poetry. —*Martial*
- 4540 Anyone may be an honourable man, and yet write verse badly.
—*Molière*
- 4541 Sir, I admit your general rule,
That every poet is a fool;
But you yourself may serve to show it,
That every fool is not a poet. —*Pope*
- 4542 While pensive poets painful vigils keep,
Sleepless themselves to give their readers sleep. —*Pope*
- 4543 Who killed Johnny Keats?
"I," said the *Quarterly*,
"So savage and tartarly,
'Twas one of my feats." —*Shelley*
- 4544 Thy verses are eternal, O my friend,
For he who reads them, reads them to no end.
—*William Shenstone*
- 4545 Poetry is vocal painting, as painting is silent poetry.
—*Simonides*
- 4546 I was promised on a time
To have reason for my rhyme;
From that time unto this season,
I received nor rhyme nor reason. —*Spenser*
- 4547 Poets lose half the praise they should have got,
Could it be known what they discreetly blot.—*Edmund Waller*
- 4548 Yes, threadbare seem his songs, to lettered ken—
They were worn threadbare next the hearts of men.
—*William Watson, on Longfellow*
- 4549 To have great poets, there must be great audiences, too.
—*Whitman*
- 4550 A poet can survive everything but a misprint. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 4551 In merry old England it once was a rule,
The King had his poet, and also his fool:
But now we're so frugal, I'd have you know it,
That Cihber can serve both for fool and for poet.
—*Epigram on Colley Cibber*

- 4552 Unfortunate lady, how sad is your lot!
Your ringlets are red, your poems are not.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Art
Books
Literature
Music
Writers

POLITICS, *see page 233.*

POVERTY

- 4561 The broad highway to poverty and need
Is, much to build and many mouths to feed. —*Acilius*
- 4562 Poverty does not mean the possession of little, but the non-possession of much. —*Antipater*
- 4563 Wan iv th' shtrangest things about life is that th' poor, who need
th' money th' most, ar-re th' very wans that niver have it.
—*F. P. Dunne*
- 4564 There's many a thing which they
Whose coats are tattered never dare to say. —*Juvenal*
- 4565 Travellers with naught sing in the robber's face. —*Juvenal*
- 4566 A poor relation is the most irrelevant thing in nature. —*Lamb*
- 4567 O God, how weary am I and how old!
But Poverty is ever young and fresh,
And, clinging to me wastes my bones and flesh. —*Macedonius*
- 4568 Cinna wishes to seem poor, and is poor. —*Martial*
- 4569 You will always be poor if you are poor, Aemilianus. Wealth is
given today to none save the rich. —*Martial*
- 4570 In your glossy new garments you laugh at my threadbare clothes,
Zoilus. Threadbare, indeed, they are, but they are my own.
—*Martial*
- 4571 How the sting of poverty, or small means, is gone when one keeps
house for one's own comfort, and not for the comfort of one's
neighbors. —*Dinah Maria Mulock*
- 4572 It is not the man who has too little but the man who craves more,
that is poor. —*Seneca*
- 4573 We will do almost anything for the poor man, anything but get
off his back. —*Tolstoi*
- 4574 He who can bear poverty without shame deserves it.

- 4575 The most inconvenient feature about poverty is that one is apt to get used to it.
- 4576 The poor are rightfully the property of the rich, because the rich made them.
- 4577 It is the weariness of the poor that keeps the rich in power.
- 4578 Poor people have no obligations: their poverty is their best asset.
- 4579 Appreciation of beauty in the poor is an infringement upon the exclusive rights of the rich.
- 4580 To add to the misery of the poor, Providence usually makes them uncomfortably healthy.

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Architecture 266
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RELATED SUBJECTS

Begging
 Charity
 Hardship
 Hunger
 Necessity

POWER

- 4581 A friend in power is a friend lost. —*Henry Adams*
- 4582 Whoever can do as he pleases, commands when he entreats. —*Corneille*
- 4583 For what can pow'r give more than food and drink,
 To live at ease, and not be bound to think? —*Dryden*
- 4584 To have what we want is riches; but to be able to do without is power. —*George Macdonald*

SEE ALSO

Courtesy 1116
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RELATED SUBJECTS

Dictators
 Government

PRAISE

- 4591 A compliment is usually accompanied with a bow, as if to beg pardon for paying it. —*A. W. & J. C. Hare*
- 4592 Praise undeserved is satire in disguise. —*Pope*
- 4593 It is safer to commend the dead than the living.

- 4594 Compliments cost nothing, yet many pay dear for them.

SEE ALSO
Criticism 1259
Wife 5863

RELATED SUBJECTS
Fame
Greatness

PRAYER

- 4601 People would be surprised to know how much I learned about
prayer from playing poker. —*Mary Austin*
- 4602 A good deed is the best prayer. —*Robert Ingersoll*
- 4603 The hands that help are holier than the lips that pray.
—*Robert Ingersoll*
- 4604 Practical prayer is harder on the soles of your shoes than on the
knees of your trousers. —*Austin O'Malley*
- 4605 The prayers of a lover are more imperious than the menaces of
the whole world. —*George Sand*
- 4606 Give me good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest;
But where and how that something comes
I leave to Thee, who knoweth best. —*Mary Webb*
- 4607 When the gods wish to punish us they answer our prayers.
—*Oscar Wilde*

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Action 3
Age 152
Belief 442, 455
Doubt 1700

RELATED SUBJECTS
Faith
God
Praise
Preachers
Religion

PREACHERS

- 4611 Actors speak of things imaginary as if they were real, while you
preachers too often speak of things real as if they were imag-
inary. —*Thomas Betterton*
- 4612 As the caterpillar chooses the fairest leaves to lay her eggs on, so
the priest lays his curse on the fairest joys. —*Blake*
- 4613 They said this mystery never shall cease:
The priest promotes war, and the soldier peace. —*Blake*
- 4614 "Holy" I may not, "Father" I may call
Thee, since I see thy daughter,
Second Paul. —*Jean de Cisinge on Pope Paul II*

- 4615 Cries Sylvia to a reverend dean,
 "What reason can be given,
 Since marriage is a holy thing,
 Why there is none in heaven?"
 "There are no women," he replied.
 She quick returns the jest—
 "Women there are, but I'm afraid
 They cannot find a priest."
—Dodsley
- 4616 A little moralizing's good—a little:
 I like a taste, but not a bath of it.
—Ennius
- 4617 It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach as
 we walk.
—St. Francis of Assisi
- 4618 None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.
—Franklin
- 4619 The life of a pious minister is visible rhetoric.
—Hooker
- 4620 'Avoid, as you would the plague, a clergyman who is also a man
 of business.
—St. Jerome
- 4621 Improve your style, monsieur! You have disgusted me with the
 joys of heaven!
—François de Malherbe
- 4622 When an evil deed's to do,
 Friar Lubin is stout and true;
 Glimmers a ray of goodness through it,
 Friar Lubin cannot do it.
—Clement Marot
- 4623 The Christian ministry is the worst of all trades, but the best of
 all professions.
—J. Newton
- 4624 Sermons are like pie-crust, the shorter the better.
—Austin O'Malley
- 4625 The half-baked sermon causes spiritual indigestion.
—Austin O'Malley
- 4626 To preach more than half an hour, a man should be an angel
 himself or have angels for hearers.
—Whitefield
- 4627 Preaching dogmas is fighting the devil with the scabbard instead
 of the sword.
- 4628 *Clergyman*: I've lost my brief-case.
Traveller: I pity your grief.
Clergyman: My sermons are in it.
Traveller: I pity the thief.

- 4629 By our preacher perplexed,
How shall we determine?
"Watch and pray," says the text;
"Go to sleep," says the sermon.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Christianity
Church
God
Prayer
Religion

PREJUDICE

- 4631 Prejudice squints when it looks, and lies when it talks.
—*Duchess de Abrantes*
- 4632 He flattered himself on being a man without any prejudices;
and this pretension itself is a very great prejudice.
—*Anatole France*
- 4633 People have prejudices against a nation in which they have no
acquaintance.
—*Philip Hamerton*
- 4634 Fortunately for serious minds, a bias recognized is a bias steri-
lized.
—*Haydon*
- 4635 Reasoning against a prejudice is like fighting against a shadow;
it exhausts the reasoner, without visibly affecting the prejudice.
—*Charles Mildmay*
- 4636 It is never too late to give up our prejudices. —*Thoreau*
- 4637 Prejudice, which sees what it pleases, cannot see what is plain.
—*Aubrey de Vere*
- 4638 Prejudice is the reason of fools. —*Voltaire*
- 4639 They that burn you for a witch lose all their coals.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Contempt
Hate
Ignorance

PRICE

- 4641 The highest price we can pay for anything, is to ask it.
—*W. S. Landor*
- 4642 Everything is worth what its purchaser will pay for it.
—*Publilius Syrus*
- 4643 All good things are cheap: all bad are very dear. —*Thoreau*
- 4644 Good cheap is dear at long run.

4645 He is never likely to have a good thing cheap that is afraid to ask a price.

4646 He buys honey too dear who licks it from thorns.

4647 If you would have a hen lay, you must bear with her cackling.

SEE ALSO
Love 3682
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Wisdom 5901

RELATED SUBJECTS
Business
Money
Taxes
Value

PRIDE

4651 'Tis pride, rank pride, and haughtiness of soul; I think the Romans call it stoicism. —*Addison*

4652 Snobbery is the pride of those who are not sure of their position. —*Berton Braley*

4653 There is this paradox in pride—it makes some men ridiculous, but prevents others from becoming so. —*C. C. Colton*

4654 Pride had rather go out of the way than go behind. —*Thomas Fuller*

4655 There was one who thought himself above me, and he was above me until he had that thought. —*Elbert Hubbard*

4656 In offering to no one the cup from which you drink, you give a proof, Hormus, not of pride, but of kindness. —*Martial*

4657 'Tis not the belly's hunger that costs so much, but its pride. —*Seneca*

4658 If a proud man makes me keep my distance, the comfort is that he keeps his at the same time. —*Swift*

4659 There is such a thing as a man being too proud to fight. —*Woodrow Wilson*

4660 Pride is the basis of all true courage. There never was a hero without pride, never a coward who could boast of having it.

SEE ALSO
Economy 1814
Flattery 2250
Ignorance 3095

RELATED SUBJECTS
Conceit
Dignity
Vanity

PROHIBITION

4661 Prohibition has made nothing but trouble. —*Al Capone*

- 4662 All I kin git out o' the Wickersham position on prohibition is that the distinguished jurist seems to feel that if we'd let 'em have it the problem o' keepin' 'em from gittin' it would be greatly simplified. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 4663 Adam was but human—this explains it all. He did not want the apple for the apple's sake, he wanted it only because it was forbidden. The mistake was in not forbidding the serpent; then he would have eaten the serpent. —*Mark Twain*

RELATED SUBJECTS

Drinking

Temperance

Wine

PROOF

- 4671 That which needs to be proved cannot be worth much. —*Nietzsche*
- 4672 A thing that nobody believes cannot be proved too often. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 4673 Some circumstantial evidence is very strong, as when you find a trout in the milk. —*Thoreau*

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Belief 462

Love 3751

RELATED SUBJECTS

Crime

Truth

PROPERTY

- 4681 Men would live exceedingly quiet if those two words, mine and thine were taken away. —*Anaxagoras*
- 4682 Them that has china plates themselves is the maist careful not to break the china plates of others. —*J. M. Barrie*
- 4683 Who lives content with little possesses everything. —*Boileau*
- 4684 Thieves respect property. They merely wish the property to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it. —*Chesterton*
- 4685 It sounds like stories from the land of spirits
If any man obtain that which he merits,
Or any merit that which he obtains. —*Coleridge*
- 4686 Ultimately property rights and personal rights are the same thing. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- 4687 An Achaemenid spoke of me as "mine";
And now Menippus claims me for his line.
Talk of "his" and "their's" is mankind's romance;
Land shifts not; ownership's a word for chance.
—*Greek epigram*

- 4688 To have a thing is little, if you're not allowed to show it,
And to know a thing is nothing unless others know you know it.
—*Lord Neaves*
- 4689 To have may be taken from us, to have had, never. —*Seneca*
- 4690 He that is robb'd, not wanting what is stolen,
Let him not know 't and he's not robb'd at all. —*Shakespeare*
- 4691 The robb'd that smiles, steals something from the thief.
—*Shakespeare*
- 4692 Take care to get what you like or you will be forced to like what
you get. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 4693 No man can lose what he never had. —*Izaak Walton*
- 4694 If property cannot be abolished, it would be an act of kindness to
abolish the poor.
- 4695 The world seldom asks, how a man acquired his property. The
only question is, has he got it?

SEE ALSO

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Change 655

RELATED SUBJECTS

Money

Wealth

PROPHECY

- 4701 Banish "tomorrows!" Nemesis lays wait
For common speech that claims to be so wise
On the Future, as to anticipate
By light phrases men's unspun destinies.
—*Antiphilus of Byzantium*
- 4702 A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and
in his own house. —*Bible*
- 4703 It has all the contortions of the sibyl without the inspiration.
—*Burke*
- 4704 The best of prophets of the future is the past. —*Byron*
- 4705 Prophets were twice stoned—first in anger; then, after their
death, with a handsome slab in the graveyard.
—*Christopher Morley*

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Experience 2009

RELATED SUBJECT

Future

PUNISHMENT

- 4711 The public has more interest in the punishment of an injury than
he who receives it. —*Cato the Censor*
- 4712 We are not punished for our sins, but by them.—*Elbert Hubbard*

- 4713 Society does not punish those who sin, but those who sin and conceal not cleverly. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 4714 Whatever punishment does to a nation, it does not induce a sense of guilt. —*Anne O'Hare McCormick*
- 4715 Distrust all in whom the impulse to punish is powerful. —*Nietzsche*
- 4716 That only is a disgrace to a man which he has deserved to suffer. —*Phaedrus*
- 4717 He hurts the good who spares the bad. —*Publilius Syrus*
- 4718 Whilst we have prisons it matters little which of us occupies the cells. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 4719 The most anxious man in a prison is the governor.—*G. B. Shaw*
- 4720 This, it seems to me, is the most severe punishment—finding out you are wrong! —*Walter Winchell*
- 4721 Society produces the rogue so that it may punish him.
- 4722 Had Cain been Scot, God would have chang'd his doom;
Not forc'd to wander, but confin'd at home.
- 4723 Two men looked through prison bars—
One saw mud ; the other, stars.

SEE ALSO
 Anger 255
 Prayer 4607
 Temperance 5331

RELATED SUBJECTS
 Crime
 Guilt
 Hanging
 Justice
 Law

PURPOSE

- 4730 No good fish goes anywhere without a porpoise. —*Carroll*
- 4731 The secret of success is constancy of purpose. —*Disraeli*
- 4732 Since I have dealt in suds, I could never discover more than two reasons for shaving; the one is to get a beard, the other is to get rid of one. —*Fielding*
- 4733 The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows whither he is going. —*David Starr Jordan*

SEE ALSO
 Duty 1757
 Greatness 2637
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RELATED SUBJECTS
 Aim
 Decision
 Reason

Q

QUARREL

- 4740 Arguments out of a pretty mouth are unanswerable. —*Addison*
- 4741 So I have talked with Betsey, and Betsey has talked with me,
And we have agreed together that we can't never agree.
—*Will Carleton*
- 4742 The only way to get the best of an argument is to avoid it.
—*Dale Carnegie*
- 4743 A knock-down argument: 'tis but a word and a blow.—*Dryden*
- 4744 Those who in quarrels interpose
Must often wipe a bloody nose. —*John Gay*
- 4745 I always get the better when I argue alone. —*Goldsmith*
- 4746 The evils of controversy are transitory, while its benefits are permanent.
—*Robert Hall*
- 4747 Every quarrel begins in nothing and ends in a struggle for supremacy.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 4748 A duellist is only a Cain in high life. —*Douglas Jerrold*
- 4749 A small country town is not the place in which one would choose
to quarrel with a wife; every human being in such places is a
spy. —*Johnson*
- 4750 Quarrels would not last long if the fault was only on one side.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 4751 It were endless to dispute upon everything that is disputable.
—*William Penn*
- 4752 The word that is overbearing is a spur unto strife. —*Pindar*
- 4753 All discord, harmony not understood. —*Pope*
- 4754 Opposition always inflames the enthusiast, never converts him.
—*Schiller*
- 4755 He that makes a question where there is no doubt, must make an
answer where there is no reason.

- 4756 The difference is wide that the sheets will not decide.

SEE ALSO
Drinking 1734
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RELATED SUBJECTS
Opinion
Tolerance

R

RANK

- 4761 Conspiracy—a game invented for the amusement of unoccupied men of rank. —*Addison*
- 4762 A man can dignify his rank; no rank
Can dignify a man. —*Attius*
- 4763 To command, must we not have never met our equal?—*Balzac*
- 4764 It is a fine thing to command, even if it only be a herd of cattle.
—*Cervantes*
- 4765 I have found some of the best reasons I ever had for remaining at the bottom simply by looking at the men at the top.
—*F. M. Colby*
- 4766 The superiority of some men is merely local. They are great because their associates are little. —*Johnson*
- 4767 What men prize most is a privilege, even if it be that of chief mourner at a funeral. —*Lowell*
- 4768 Man's rank is his power to uplift. —*George Macdonald*
- 4769 There is no greater immorality than to occupy a place you cannot fill. —*Napoleon*
- 4770 Man is an imitative creature, and whoever is foremost leads the herd. —*Schiller*
- 4771 It is a maxim, that those to whom every body allows the second place have an undoubted title to the first. —*Swift*

RELATED SUBJECTS
Ancestors
Dignity
Fame
Greatness

REASON

- 4781 It is not necessary to believe things in order to reason about them.
—*Beaumarchais*
- 4782 The heart has reasons that reason does not understand.—*Bossuet*

- 4783 I'll not listen to reason. . . . Reason always means what some one else has got to say. —*Mrs. Gaskell*
- 4784 To give a reason for anything is to breed a doubt of it.—*Hazlitt*
- 4785 A man always has two reasons for doing anything—a good reason and the real reason. —*J. P. Morgan*
- 4786 Earnestness is enthusiasm tempered by reason. —*Pascal*
- 4787 When a man has not a good reason for doing a thing, he has one good reason for letting it alone. —*Thomas Scott*
- 4788 I have no other but a woman's reason; I think him so, because I think him so. —*Shakespeare*
- 4789 Reason only controls individuals after emotion and impulse have lost their impetus. —*Carlton Simon*

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Anger 247
 Drinking 1712, 1743
 Epigram 1867
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 Genius 2475
 Man 3812

RELATED SUBJECTS

Logic
 Purpose
 Thought
 Wisdom

REFORM

- 4791' Those who are fond of setting things to rights, have no great objection to seeing them wrong. —*Hazlitt*
- 4792 According to the reformers, most of the movies have unsound effects. —*Olin Miller*
- 4793 The race could save one-half its wasted labor
 Would each reform himself and spare his neighbor. —*Putnam*
- 4794 Necessity reforms the poor, and satiety the rich. —*Tacitus*
- 4795 A reformer is a guy who rides through a sewer in a glass-bottomed boat. —*James J. Walker*
- 4796 The worst thing about a fanatical reformer is that he makes the world think all reformers are fanatics.
- 4797 Among the famous reformers is satiety.

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 Christianity 792
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 Husband 3028

RELATED SUBJECTS

Censorship
 Morality
 Tolerance
 Virtue

RELIGION

- 4801 *Impiety*: Your irreverence toward my diety. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- 4802 There's naught, no doubt, so much the spirit calms as rum and
true religion. —*Byron*
- 4803 Religion must still be allowed to be a collateral security to Virtue.
—*Chesterfield*
- 4804 False doctrine does not necessarily make a man a heretic, but an
evil heart can make any doctrine heretical. —*Coleridge*
- 4805 Bigotry murders religion to frighten fools with her ghost.
—*C. C. Colton*
- 4806 I have only a small flickering light to guide me in the darkness
of a thick forest. Up comes a theologian and blows it out.
—*Diderot*
- 4807 The cross is the ladder of heaven. —*Thomas Draxe*
- 4808 Theology is Anthropology. —*Feuerbach*
- 4809 A religion without its mysteries is a temple without a God.
—*Robert Hall*
- 4810 I would give nothing for that man's religion, whose very dog and
cat are not the better for it. —*Hill*
- 4811 Theology is an attempt to explain a subject by men who do not
understand it. The intent is not to tell the truth but to satisfy
the questioner. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 4812 Let us put theology out of religion. Theology has always sent the
worst to heaven, the best to hell. —*Robert Ingersoll*
- 4813 Heresy is what the minority believe; it is the name given by the
powerful to the doctrine of the weak. —*Robert Ingersoll*
- 4814 Superstition is the only religion of which base souls are capable.
—*Joubert*
- 4815 Where it is a duty to worship the sun it is pretty sure to be a crime
to examine the laws of heat. —*John Morley*
- 4816 Religion is a process of turning your skull into a tabernacle, not of
going up to Jerusalem once a year. —*Austin O'Malley*
- 4817 We are plated with piety, not alloyed with it.—*Austin O'Malley*
- 4818 I think while zealots fast and frown,
And fight for two or seven,
That there are fifty roads to town,
And rather more to Heaven. —*Praed*

- 4819 Creeds grow so thick along the way their boughs hide God.
—*Reese*
- 4820 Mythology is the religious sentiment growing wild. —*Schelling*
- 4821 There is only one religion, though there are a hundred versions
of it. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 4822 No man's religion ever survives his morals. —*South*
- 4823 A religion without mystery must be a religion without God.
—*Jeremy Taylor*
- 4824 The dispute about religion and the practice of it seldom go to-
gether. —*Young*
- 4825 We use religion like a trolley-car—we ride on it only while it is
going our way.
- 4826 Religion is more than a fire insurance policy.
- 4827 Writers on the spiritual life are constantly mistaking the liver for
the devil.
- 4828 A son should inherit his father's money—not his religion; he may
be too lazy to build up a new fortune but never too slow to
catch up with a new creed.

SEE ALSO

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Hardship 2801

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Belief

Christianity

Church

Faith

God

Prayer

REMORSE

- 4831 R-e-m-o-r-s-e,
Those dry Martinis were too much for me.
Last night I really felt immense,
To-day I feel like thirty cents;
It is no time for mirth and laughter
In the cold gray dawn of the morning after. —*George Ade*
- 4832 The best part of repentance is little sinning. —*Arabian Proverb*
- 4833 Our repentance is not so much regret for the ill we have done as
fear of the ill that may happen to us in consequence.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 4834 Confession of our faults is the next thing to innocence.
—*Publilius Syrus*

- 4835 Remorse goes to sleep during a prosperous period and wakes up in adversity. —*Rousseau*
- 4836 The world will not believe a man repents;
And this wise world of ours is mainly right. —*Tennyson*
- 4837 Late repentance is seldom true, but true repentance is never too late. —*R. Venning*
- 4838 It is sweeter to be remorseful over past sins than regretful about lost opportunities.
- 4839 Adam did not have to repent for he had no alternative.

SEE ALSO
Hanging 2758

RELATED SUBJECTS
Conscience
Despair
Reform

REPUTATION

- 4841 Reputation is a bubble which man bursts when he tries to blow it for himself. —*Carleton*
- 4842 The reputation of a woman may be compared to a mirror, shining and bright, but liable to be sullied by every breath that comes near it. —*Cervantes*
- 4843 The solar system has no anxiety about its reputation. —*Emerson*
- 4844 It is a sign that your reputation is small and sinking, if your own tongue must praise you. —*Matthew Hale*
- 4845 A woman can defend her virtue from men, much more easily than she can protect her reputation from women. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 4846 The blaze of reputation cannot be blown out, but it often dies in the socket. —*Johnson*
- 4847 No man, however great, is known to everybody and no man, however solitary, is known to nobody. —*Moore*
- 4848 There are two very difficult things in the world. One is to make a name for oneself and the other is to keep it. —*Robert Schumann*
- 4849 I would to God thou and I knew where a commodity of good names were to be bought. —*Shakespeare*
- 4850 Get a name to rise early, and you may lie all day.
- 4851 The harder you throw down a football and a good character, the higher they rebound; but a thrown reputation is like an egg.
- 4852 Not beauty but respectability is only skin deep.

- 4853 For Jack's good life to certify,
Nor friends, nor strangers can be got:
Those who *don't* know him, know not why;
Those, who *do* know him, know why not.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Character
Fame
Greatness
Honor
Insults

RESIGNATION

- 4861 Thus oft a struggle to escape
But lands us in a still worse scrape. —*La Fontaine*
- 4862 For after all, the best thing one can do
When it is raining, is to let it rain. —*Longfellow*
- 4863 There is no good in arguing with the inevitable. The only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat.
—*Lowell*
- 4864 Where there is no choice, we do well to make no difficulty.
—*George Macdonald*
- 4865 Where to elect there is but one,
'Tis Hobson's choice,—take that or none. —*Thomas Ward*
- 4866 O that I were, where I would be,
Then should I be where I am not,
But where I am, there must I be,
And where I would be, I cannot.
- 4867 For every ill beneath the sun,
There is some remedy, or none.
Should there be one, resolve to find it;
If not, submit, and never mind it.
- 4868 Resignation is the timid side of courage.

SEE ALSO
Trees 5491

RELATED SUBJECTS
Patience
Philosophy

REVENGE

- 4871 Vengeance is the delight of petty minds,
Paltry and weak. Infer this truth because
None like a woman dotes upon revenge. —*Juvenal*
- 4872 Revenge, at first though sweet,
Bitter, ere long, back on itself recoils. —*Milton*

- 4873 Heat not a furnace for your foe so hot that it do singe thyself.
—*Shakespeare*

- 4874 In taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over, he is superior.

SEE ALSO
Age 133
Delay 1504
Forgetting 2310
Marriage 3844

RELATED SUBJECTS
Anger
Crime
Enemies
Hate
Passion

REVOLUTION

- 4881 Do you think, then, that revolutions are made with rose-water?
—*De Chamfort*

- 4882 Political convulsions, like geological upheavings, usher in new epochs of the world's progress.
—*Wendell Phillips*

- 4883 With the exception of capitalism, there is nothing so revolting as revolution.
—*G. B. Shaw*

- 4884 Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.

- 4885 Society punishes rebels; nature kills them.

- 4886 Revolutions are the toilet of a nation.

- 4887 Revolutions never turn back, but they sometimes make very acute angles.

SEE ALSO
Begging 421, 429
Christianity 799
Science 4942

RELATED SUBJECTS
Change
Government
Politics
Poverty

ROMANCE

- 4891 Romance, like a ghost, eludes touching. It always is where you were, not where you are.
—*Curtis*

- 4892 Romance has been elegantly defined as the offspring of fiction and love.
—*Disraeli*

- 4893 When one is in love one always begins by deceiving oneself, and one always ends by deceiving others. That is what the world calls a romance.
—*Oscar Wilde*

- 4894 Romance should never begin with sentiment.
It should begin with science and end with a settlement.
—*Oscar Wilde*

- 4895 To say "mither" instead of "mother" seems to many the acme of romance. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 4896 Nothing spoils a romance so much as a sense of humor in the woman. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 4897 A romance that ends in indifference has gone through a full course of development.
- 4898 To most men any romance which runs beyond the limits of an episode becomes a nuisance.
- 4899 Ever so often women spoil a perfectly good romance by falling in love with their paramour.

SEE ALSO
Conceit 949

RELATED SUBJECTS
Courtship
Love
Marriage
Passion

S

SACRIFICE

- 4901 In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich. —*H. W. Beecher*
- 4902 It is good to be helpful and kindly, but don't give yourself to be melted into candle grease for the benefit of the tallow trade. —*George Eliot*
- 4903 A woman can forgive a man for the harm he does her, but she can never forgive him for the sacrifices he makes on her account. —*Somerset Maugham*
- 4904 Not even for the highest principles has anyone the right to sacrifice others than himself.

SEE ALSO
Courtesy 1111

RELATED SUBJECTS
Hero
Martyr
Self-denial

SAFETY

- 4911 In skating over thin ice our safety is in our speed. —*Emerson*
- 4912 Better ride safe in the dark, says the proverb, than in the daylight with a cut-throat at your elbow. —*Scott*
- 4913 A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for. —*J. A. Shedd*

4914 Security is mortal's chief enemy. —*Irving Vining*

4915 The drowning man might catch at a straw but never effectively.

SEE ALSO

Honesty 2929

Morality 4093

RELATED SUBJECTS

Caution

Danger

SAILORS

4921 Go where you will, the sea is still the sea.

Its terrors then we idly strive to flee.

—*Antipater of Sidon*

4922 The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators. —*Gibbon*

4923 Of all the husbands on the earth,
The sailor has the finest berth,
For in 'is cabin he can sit
And sail and sail—and let 'er knit.

—*Wallace Irwin*

4924 Being in a ship is being in a jail, with the chance of being drowned. —*Johnson*

4925 A sailor once I was, a farmer he
Who now lies slumbering opposite to me,
For Hades lies beneath both land and sea.

—*Plato*

4926 He goes a great voyage, that goes to the bottom of the sea.

SEE ALSO

Belief 457

Genius 2489

RELATED SUBJECTS

Soldiers

War

SAINT

4931 The way of this world is to praise dead saints and persecute living ones. —*Nathaniel Howe*

4932 A young Saint an old Devil, (mark this, an old saying, and as true a one as, a Young Whore an old Saint). —*Rabelais*

4933 It is easier to make a saint out of a libertine than out of a prig. —*Santayana*

4934 The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past and every sinner has a future. —*Oscar Wilde*

RELATED SUBJECTS

Martyr

Virtue

SCIENCE

4941 Books must follow sciences, and not sciences books. —*Bacon*

- 4942 Don't hesitate to be as revolutionary as science. Don't hesitate to be as reactionary as the multiplication table.—*Calvin Coolidge*
- 4943 An actually existing fly is more important than a possibly existing angel.
—*Emerson*
- 4944 There is no royal road to geometry.
—*Euclid*
- 4945 The cradle of every science is surrounded by dead theologians as that of Hercules was with strangled serpents.—*T. H. Huxley*
- 4946 Mathematics is the science which uses easy words for hard ideas.
—*Kasner & Newman*
- 4947 Nature and Nature's laws lay hid in night
God Said, let Newton be,—and all was light.—*Pope on Newton*
- 4948 Science is always wrong. It never solves a problem without creating ten more.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 4949 Everything has a cause and the cause of anything is everything.
—*W. J. Turner*
- 4950 Science keeps down the weed of superstition not by logic, but by rendering the mental soil unfit for its cultivation. —*Tyndall*
- 4951 An undevout astronomer is mad.
—*Young*
- 4952 Mathematics is the bell-boy of all sciences.

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Fools 2269

Genius 2488

Hardship 2797

Morality 4078

Truth 5583

RELATED SUBJECTS

Knowledge

Learning

SECRET

- 4961 A sekret ceases tew be a sekret if it iz once confided—it iz like a dollar bill, once broken, it iz never a dollar agin.
—*Josh Billings*
- 4962 Women, and young men, are very apt to tell what secrets they know, from the vanity of having been trusted. —*Chesterfield*
- 4963 Let not your friend your cherished secrets hear;
Then, if you quarrel, you've no cause to fear. —*Menander*
- 4964 There is something about a closet that makes a skeleton terribly restless.
—*Wilson Mizner*
- 4965 There are no secrets better kept than the secrets that everybody guesses.
—*G. B. Shaw*

- 4966 If you wish to preserve your secret, wrap it up in frankness.
—*Alexander Smith*
- 4967 The man who has no secrets from his wife either has no secrets or
no wife. —*Gilbert Wells*
- 4968 Thy secret is thy prisoner; if thou let it go, thou art a prisoner to
it.
- 4969 To him that you tell your secret you resign your liberty.
- 4970 Do not speak of secret matters in a field that is full of little hills.
- 4971 Try your friend with a falsehood, and if he keep it a secret tell
him the truth.
- 4972 One should judge by appearance only: what is hidden should re-
main so.

SEE ALSO
Death 1341
Virtue 5703

RELATED SUBJECTS
Frankness
Honesty
Lies

SELF-DENIAL

- 4981 Self-denial is indulgence of a propensity to forego.
—*Ambrose Bierce*
- 4982 Self-abnegation, that rare virtue, that good men preach and good
women practice. —*O. W. Holmes*
- 4983 Self denial is not a virtue: it is only the effect of prudence on ras-
cality. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 4984 Self-denial is the shining sore on the leprous body of Christianity.
—*Oscar Wilde*

RELATED SUBJECTS
Generosity
Selfishness

SELFISHNESS

- 4991 Selfishness is that detestable vice which no one will forgive in
others, and no one is without in himself. —*H. W. Beecher*
- 4992 To feel for none is the true social art of the world's stoics—men
without a heart. —*Byron*
- 4993 That man who lives for self alone
Lives for the meanest mortal known. —*Joaquin Miller*
- 4994 We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals;
we know now that it is bad economics.—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- 4995 He who lives only to benefit himself confers on the world a bene-
fit when he dies. —*Tertullian*

4996 A man is called selfish, not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbor's. —*Whately*

4997 He is a slave of the greatest slave, who serveth nothing but himself.

SEE ALSO
Love 3675, 3738

RELATED SUBJECTS
Greed
Misanthrope

SERVANT

5001 The Spaniard is a bad servant but a worse master. —*Thomas Adams*

5002 All service ranks the same with God—
There is no last nor first. —*Browning*

5003 One of the most considerable advantages the great have over their inferiors is to have servants as good as themselves.—*Cervantes*

5004 A service beyond all recompense
Weighs so heavy that it almost gives offense. —*Corneille*

5005 If you would have a faithful servant, and one that you like, serve yourself. —*Franklin*

5006 Few men have been admired by their own domestics.—*Montaigne*

RELATED SUBJECTS
Help
Slave

SEX

5011 She hugg'd the offender, and forgave the offence:
Sex to the last. —*Dryden*

5012 Amoebas at the start
Were not complex;
They tore themselves apart
And started Sex. —*Arthur Guiterman*

5013 Breathes there a man with hide so tough
Who says two sexes aren't enough? —*Samuel Hoffenstein*

5014 A woman never forgets her sex. She would rather talk with a man than an angel, any day. —*O. W. Holmes*

5015 As the French say, there are three sexes,—men, women, and clergymen. —*Sydney Smith*

SEE ALSO
Poetry 4530

RELATED SUBJECTS
Man
Woman

SICKNESS

- 5021 I reckon being ill as one of the great pleasures of life, provided one is not too ill and is not obliged to work till one is better.
—*Samuel Butler*
- 5022 I don't suffer, my friends, but I feel a certain difficulty in existing.
—*Fontenelle*
- 5023 If I remember right you had, Aelia, four teeth: one fit of coughing shot out two; and another fit, two more. Now you can cough in peace all day.
—*Martial*
- 5024 You came to see me once only when I was ill. It will go badly with me if I see you often.
—*Martial*
- 5025 I enjoy convalescence. It is the part that makes the illness worth while.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 5026 That sick man is not to be pitied, who hath his cure in his sleeve.
- 5027 The chamber of sickness is the chapel of devotion.
- 5028 The purse of the patient protracts his cure.
- 5029 It is no advantage for a man in a fever to change his bed.

SEE ALSO
Age 143
Wealth 5779

RELATED SUBJECTS
Doctors
Health
Medicine

SILENCE

- 5031 Silence is not always tact, and it is tact that is golden—not silence.
—*Samuel Butler*
- 5032 Silence is deep as eternity; speech is shallow as time. —*Carlyle*
- 5033 Let your speech be better than silence, or be silent.—*Dionysius*
- 5034 "I hardly ever ope my lips," one cries;
"Simonides, what think you of my rule?"
"If you're a fool, I think you're very wise;
"If you are wise, I think you are a fool."
—*Garnett*
- 5035 A silence, like a poultice, comes
To heal the blows of sound. —*O. W. Holmes*
- 5036 You hesitate to stab me with a word,
And know not silence is the sharper sword. —*Johnson*
- 5037 Silence in woman is like speech in men; deny it who can.
—*Johnson*
- 5038 You have not converted a man because you have silenced him.
—*Morley*

- 5039 She half consents who silently denies. —*Ovid*
- 5040 Silence in love betrays more woe
Than words, though ne'er so witty;
A beggar that is dumb, you know,
May challenge double pity. —*Sir Walter Raleigh*
- 5041 Nothing is so good for an ignorant man as silence; if he were
sensible of this he would not be ignorant. —*Saadi*
- 5042 Be check'd for silence,
But never tax'd for speech. —*Shakespeare*
- 5043 He (Macaulay) has occasional flashes of silence that make his
conversation perfectly delightful. —*Sydney Smith*
- 5044 If a word spoken in its time is worth one piece of money, silence
in its time is worth two. —*Talmud*
- 5045 Silence is a fine jewel for a woman, but it's little worn.
- 5046 Silence: wisdom in dead storage.
- 5047 It is better to be silent and be thought a fool than to speak up
and remove all doubt.
- 5048 More men are sorry for speaking, than keeping silence.
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| SEE ALSO | RELATED SUBJECTS |
| Bores 530 | Noise |
| Lies 3522 | Speeches |
| Understanding 5596 | |

SIN

- 5051 Sin we have explain'd away;
Unluckily, the sinners stay. —*Allingham*
- 5052 "Thou shalt not get found out" is not one of God's command-
ments; and no man can be saved by trying to keep it.
—*Leonard Bacon*
- 5053 Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden be-
cause it is hurtful. —*Franklin*
- 5054 Holy must be the man who treads
The incensed shrine within:
And holy is that man alone
Whose soul is free from sin. —*Greek epigram*
- 5055 No man's contented just so much to sin
As you may license him. —*Juvenal*
- 5056 He that plots secret crime his soul within
Is straightway guilty of the actual sin. —*Juvenal*

- 5057 The sin ye do by two and two ye must pay for one by one!
—*Kipling*
- 5058 Man-like it is to fall into sin,
Fiend-like is it to dwell therein,
Christ-like is it for sin to grieve,
God-like is it all sin to leave.
—*Longfellow*
- 5059 There is often a sin of omission as well as of commission.
—*Marcus Aurelius*
- 5060 In all my writings my aim has been to spare sinners and assail sin.
—*Martial*
- 5061 In Adam's fall
We sinned all.
—*New England Primer*
- 5062 Some rise by sin, and some by virtue fall.
—*Shakespeare*
- 5063 To say of shame—what is it?
Of virtue—we can miss it;
Of sin—we can kiss it,
And it's no longer sin.
—*Swinburne*
- 5064 The girl who can her fault deny
Will always at the end be winner;
'Tis she who does for pardon cry
That's held the sinner.
—*F. A. Wright*
- 5065 Few serve Satan better than sleeping saints.
- 5066 Actions are not sinful; thoughts actuating them may be.

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SINCERITY

- 5071 It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 5072 To stupid people sincerity is one continuous process of self-sacrifice.

- 5073 Sincerity is a policy and cynicism a pose; in life either is an unnatural attitude.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Frankness
Honesty
Hypocrisy
Trust

SLAVE

- 5081 Zosime's form was once a slave;
Her soul ne'er slavery knew—
And now, the freedom of the grave
Has reached her body too. —*Damascius*
- 5082 I bought what you called a fool for twenty thousand sesterces.
Return me my money, Gargilianus; he is no fool at all.
—*Martial*
- 5083 You sold a slave yesterday for thirteen hundred sesterces, in order, Calliodorus, that you might dine well once in your life. Nevertheless you did not dine well; a mullet of four pounds' weight which you bought was the chief dish, the very crown of your repast. I feel inclined to exclaim: "It was not a fish, shameless fellow, it was a man, a veritable man, Calliodorus, that you ate." —*Martial*
- 5084 A muleteer was lately sold for twenty thousand sesterces, Aulus. Are you astonished at so large a price? He was deaf, (and could not overhear the conversation). —*Martial*
- 5085 A slave, branded on the forehead by his master, saved him when proscribed. Thus, while the life of the master was preserved, his infamy was perpetuated. —*Martial*
- 5086 Why do you maim your slave, Ponticus, by cutting out his tongue? Don't you know that the public says what he cannot? —*Martial*

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SLEEP

- 5091 He went to bed and slept the sleep of the good-for-nothing, which, by an anachronism not a single song-writer has yet struck, is proven to be more sound than that of innocence. —*Balzac*
- 5092 No small art is it to sleep: it is necessary for that purpose to keep awake all day. —*Nietzsche*

5093 He sleeps well who knows not that he sleeps ill.—*Publilius Syrus*

5094 O sleep, of death although the image true,
 Much I desire to share my bed with you.
 O come and tarry, for, how sweet to lie
 Thus without life, thus without death to die.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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Death

SMELL

5101 I send thee myrrh, not that thou mayest be
 By it perfumed, but it perfumed by thee. —*Greek epigram*

5102 I would rather smell of nothing than of perfume. —*Martial*

5103 What am I to understand from the circumstances, that your kisses
 always smell of myrrh, and that you never have about you an
 odor other than unnatural? That you always smell so agree-
 ably, Postumus, makes me suspect that you have something to
 conceal. He does not smell pleasantly, Postumus, who always
 smells pleasantly. —*Martial*

5104 They that smell least, smell best.

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RELATED SUBJECT

Cleanliness

SNOB

5111 Of all the lunacies earth can boast,
 The one that must please the devil the most
 Is pride reduced to the whimsical terms
 Of causing the slugs to despise the worms. —*Brough*

5112 My thirst I slake from wells that bear my seal;
 Forbid retailers of gossip the door;
 And half a score of words my soul reveal:
 "Whatever is popular I abhor!" —*Callimachus*

5113 Exclusiveness is a characteristic of recent riches, high society, and
 the skunk.

5114 An uppish class sometimes mistakes itself for an upper class. .

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Conceit

Society

Vanity

SOCIETY

- 5121 A crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures.
—*Bacon*
- 5122 Society is composed of two great classes: those who have more dinners than appetite, and those who have more appetite than dinners.
—*De Chamfort*
- 5123 No company is preferable to bad, because we are more apt to catch the vices of others than their virtues, as disease is far more contagious than health.
—*C. C. Colton*
- 5124 Ants are good citizens—they place group interests first.
—*Clarence Day*
- 5125 Society is a masked ball, where every one hides his real character, and reveals it by hiding.
—*Emerson*
- 5126 Who does not in some sort live to others, does not live much to himself.
—*Montaigne*
- 5127 Human society is like an arch, kept from falling by the mutual pressure of its parts.
—*Seneca*
- 5128 A man's interest in the world is only the overflow of his interest in himself.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 5129 A village is a hive of glass,
Where nothing unobserved can pass.
—*C. H. Spurgeon*
- 5130 I had three chairs in my house: one for solitude, two for friendship, three for society.
—*Thoreau*
- 5131 The company in which you will improve most will be least expensive to you.
—*Washington*
- 5132 A man who can dominate a London dinner table can dominate the world. The future belongs to the dandy. It is the exquisites who are going to rule.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 5133 Keep not ill men company lest you increase the number.
- 5134 He keeps his road well enough who gets rid of bad company.
- 5135 A crowd is not company.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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SOLDIERS

- 5141 I like not your strutters with Captain's air,
Chins smooth as girls' cheeks, crowns of curly hair.
Give me, to fight, bowlegs, squat, on firm feet,
Heart pledging the whole never to be beat.
—Archilochus of Paros
- 5142 A man in armor is his armor's slave. *—Browning*
- 5143 I gave my life for freedom—
This I know:
For those who bade me fight
Had told me so. *—Ewer*
- 5144 That city is well fortified which has a wall of men instead of
brick. *—Lycurgus*
- 5145 I want to see you shoot the way you shout.—*Theodore Roosevelt*
- 5146 He who does garrison duty is as much a soldier as he that is in
the fighting line. *—Seneca*
- 5147 A soldier's fortune, I tell you plain,
Is a wooden leg or a golden chain.
- 5148 Advantage is a better soldier than rashness.
- 5149 Our God and soldier we alike adore
Just at the brink of ruin, not before:
The danger past, both are alike requited;
God is forgotten, and the soldier slighted.

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SOLITUDE

- 5151 I praise the Frenchman, his remark was shrewd—
How sweet; how passing sweet is solitude!
But grant me still a friend in my retreat,
Whom I may whisper, Solitude is sweet. *—Cowper*
- 5152 Would you some vexation flee?
Keep from bitter heart-pangs free.
Tie with none too close maintain:
You'll have less gladness—and less pain. *—Martial*
- 5153 One can acquire everything in solitude—except character.
—Stendhal
- 5154 A wise man is never less alone than when he is alone. *—Swift*

- 5155 I never found the companion that was so companionable as solitude. —*Thoreau*
- 5156 The man who goes alone can start today; but he who travels with another must wait till that other is ready. —*Thoreau*
- 5157 The joy of meeting pays the pangs of absence; else who could bear it?

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Philosophy

Thought

SOUL

- 5161 Flowers are the sweetest things that God ever made and forgot to put a soul into. —*H. W. Beecher*
- 5162 "Farewell, O Sun," Cleombrotus cried,
Then from a lofty wall to Hades hied:
Him to his death no desperate grief had led,
But Plato on the Soul this man had read. —*Callimachus*
- 5163 Immortality will come to such as are fit for it; and he who would be a great soul in the future must be a great soul now. —*Emerson*
- 5164 Eagle! why soarest thou above that tomb?
To what sublime and starry-paven home
Floatest thou?
I am the image of swift Plato's spirit,
Ascending heaven—Athens doth inherit
His corpse below. —*Greek epigram*
- 5165 Drop anchor anywhere and the anchor will drag—that is, if your soul is a limitless, fathomless sea, and not a dogpond. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 5166 Every spirit makes its house, but as afterwards the house confines its spirit, you had better build well. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 5167 The soul occupied with great ideas, best performs small duties. —*James Martineau*
- 5168 God has so arranged the chronometry of our spirits, that there shall be thousands of silent moments between the striking hours. —*James Martineau*
- 5169 The finest souls are those that have most variety and suppleness. —*Montaigne*
- 5170 The worth of the soul consists not in going loftily, but orderly. Its greatness is not put to the proof in greatness, but in mediocrity. —*Montaigne*

- 5171 A kiss, and touch of lips; not strange my Soul should cling,
Strive to cross, weep to turn, and starve with me, poor thing.
—*Plato*
- 5172 We say we exchange words when we meet. What we exchange is
souls. —*Minot J. Savage*
- 5173 Books of science when you print,
The work should be entire and whole,
Shou'd you, dear friend, but take the hint,
And to your *bodies*—add a *soul*.
- 5174 Enthusiasm is the life of the soul.
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SPEECHES

- 5181 Take care of the sense and the sounds will take care of themselves.
—*Lewis Carroll*
- 5182 MacDonald has the gift of compressing the largest amount of
words into the smallest amount of thought.
—*Winston Churchill*
- 5183 One orator in a family, nay even in a city, is enough. —*Cicero*
- 5184 Do not say all that you know, but always know what you say.
—*Claudius*
- 5185 There is no eloquence without a man behind it. —*Emerson*
- 5186 The obvious duty of a toastmaster is to be so infernally dull that
the succeeding speakers will appear brilliant by contrast.
—*C. B. Kelland*
- 5187 What a long time you take to say nothing, Cinna! —*Martial*
- 5188 When everyone is talking, then and then only, Naevolus, do you
open your mouth; and you think yourself an advocate and a
pleader. In such a way everyone may be eloquent. But see,
everybody is silent; say something now, Naevolus. —*Martial*
- 5189 You are always shouting, always interrupting the pleaders, Aelius.
You don't do this for nothing; you take pay to hold your
tongue. —*Martial*

- 5190 Why do you wrap up your neck in a woollen muffler when you are going to recite? The muffler would be more suitable for our ears.
—*Martial*
- 5191 By way of introduction you complained of a cold in your throat. Since you plead this excuse, Maximus, why recite at all?
—*Martial*
- 5192 I don't know whether Phoebus fled from the dinner-table of Thyestes: at any rate, Ligurinus, we flee from yours. Splendid, indeed, it is, and magnificently supplied with good things, but when you recite you spoil it all. I don't want you to set before me a turbot or a two-pound mullet: I don't want your mushrooms or your oysters. I want you to keep your mouth shut!
—*Martial*
- 5193 You are always wishing, Matho, to speak finely. Speak sometimes merely well, sometimes neither well nor ill, sometimes even ill.
—*Martial*
- 5194 A good talker or writer is only a pitcher. Unless his audience catches him with heart and mind he's defeated.
—*Wilson Mizner*
- 5195 Much talking man, in earth thou soon wilt be:
Be still, and living think what 'tis to die.
—*Palladas*
- 5196 Young man, thy words are like the cypress, tall and large, but they bear no fruit.
—*Phocion*
- 5197 They say
That putting all his words together,
'Tis three blue beans in a blue bladder.
—*Prior*
- 5198 It is but a poor eloquence which only shows that the orator can talk.
—*Joshua Reynolds*
- 5199 Gentlemen, you have just been listening to that Chinese sage,
On Too Long.
—*Will Rogers*
- 5200 When words are scarce they are seldom spent in vain.
—*Shakespeare*
- 5201 Let any man speak long enough, he will get believers.
—*Stevenson*
- 5202 It is of eloquence as of a flame; it requires matter to feed it, and motion to excite it; and it brightens as it burns.
—*Tacitus*
- 5203 Nothing produces such an effect as a good platitude.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 5204 Words are like leaves, and where they most abound
Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found.

5205 After-dinner speaking is the art of saying nothing briefly.

5206 It is a bad cause, that none dares speak in.

5207 His speeches to an hour-glass
Do some resemblance show;
Because the longer time they run
The shallower they grow.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Conversation

Epigrams

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Words

SPORT

5211 The best thing for the inside of a man is the outside of a horse.
—*Lord Palmerston*

5212 When a man wants to murder a tiger he calls it sport: when the
tiger wants to murder him he calls it ferocity. —*G. B. Shaw*

5213 Mother, may I go out to swim?
Yes, my darling daughter:
Hang your clothes on a hickory limb
But don't go near the water.

5214 We read that a form of baseball was a favorite sport among the
Greeks. We do remember something about a Homer.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Gambling

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STUPIDITY

5221 Absurdity refutes itself. —*A. Bartholini*

5222 Every absurdity has a champion to defend it. —*Goldsmith*

5223 The privilege of absurdity; to which no living creature is subject
but man only. —*Thomas Hobbes*

5224 A Zombie has no mind of his own and walks around without
knowing where he's going or what he's doing . . . In Hollywood
they call them "pedestrians." —*Bob Hope*

5225 Against stupidity the very gods
Themselves contend in vain. —*Schiller*

5226 There is no sin except stupidity. —*Oscar Wilde*

5227 Genius has limitations; stupidity is boundless.

5228 Stupidity would be very charming if it only had better manners.

- 5229 Platitudes are the Sundays of stupidity.
- 5230 What makes stupidity really insufferable is that it is forever in action—idiocy knows no rest.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Fools

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SUCCESS

- 5231 Every man who is high up loves to think that he has done it all himself; and the wife smiles, and lets it go at that.
—*J. M. Barrie*
- 5232 It is not the going out of port, but the coming in, that determines the success of a voyage.
—*H. W. Beecher*
- 5233 The secret of success lies not in doing your own work, but in recognizing the right man to do it.
—*Andrew Carnegie*
- 5234 In public we say the race is to the strongest; in private we know that a lopsided man runs the fastest along the little side-hills of success.
—*Frank M. Colby*
- 5235 Be awful nice to 'em goin' up, because you're gonna meet 'em all comin' down.
—*Jimmy Durante*
- 5236 Success is little more than a chemical compound of man with moment.
—*Philip Guedalla*
- 5237 The worst use that can be made of success is to boast of it.
—*Arthur Helps*
- 5238 Those men who pass most comfortably through the world are those who possess good digestion and hard hearts.
—*James Martineau*
- 5239 The gent who wakes up and finds himself a success hasn't been asleep.
—*Wilson Mizner*
- 5240 The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed.—*Sheridan*
- 5241 Nothing recedes like success.
—*Walter Winchell*
- 5242 The best way to get along is never to forgive an enemy or forget a friend.
—*Walter Winchell*
- 5243 Success, a sort of suicide, is ruin'd by success.
—*Young*

- 5244 The reason why men who mind their own business succeed is because they have so little competition.
- 5245 Next to Death, the most infallible remedy for a guilty conscience is success.
- 5246 It is an unhealthy attitude to think success a trivial incident in life.
- 5247 If success comes too late in life it causes more regrets than comforts.
- 5248 Nothing slackens one like success.
- 5249 Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get.
- 5250 No matter how valuable, advice on how to succeed, coming from an unsuccessful man, will be received with poor grace or even ridicule.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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SUN

- 5251 I have nothing to ask but that you would remove to the other side, that you may not, by intercepting the sunshine, take from me what you cannot give. —*Diogenes to Alexander*
- 5252 Oft did I wonder why the setting sun
 Should look upon us with a blushing face:
 Is't not for shame at what he hath seen done,
 Whilst in our hemisphere he ran his race? —*Heath*
- 5253 Thank heavens, the sun has gone in, and I don't have to go out and enjoy it. —*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- 5254 The sunrise never failed us yet. —*Celia Thaxter*
- 5255 No man sees his shadow who faces the sun.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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TALENT

- 5261 Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius. —*Amiel*
- 5262 It always seemed to me a sort of clever stupidity only to have one sort of talent—like a carrier-pigeon. —*George Eliot*
- 5263 Talent is that which is in a man's power; genius is that in whose power a man is. —*Lowell*
- 5264 In the battle of existence, Talent is the punch; Tact is the clever footwork. —*Wilson Mizner*
- 5265 How many "coming men" has one known!
Where on earth do they all go to? —*Pinero*
- 5266 Young men of talent are seldom popular; they are all vanity and no tact.

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RELATED SUBJECT

Genius

TASTE

- 5271 Good taste is better than bad taste, but bad taste is better than no taste. —*Arnold Bennett*
- 5272 Bad taste is a species of bad morals. —*C. N. Bovée*
- 5273 Taste is nothing else than good sense delicately put in force, and genius is reason in its most sublime form. —*Chénier*
- 5274 I would rather be able to appreciate things I can not have than to have things I am not able to appreciate. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 5275 The greatest man is he who forms the taste of a nation; the next greatest is he who corrupts it. —*Joshua Reynolds*
- 5276 Taste is, so to speak, the microscope of the judgment.—*Rousseau*
- 5277 Simplicity is the background of good taste.

- 5278 Everyone to their liking,
As the old woman said when she kissed the cow.

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Art

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Judgment

TAXES

- 5281 For every benefit you receive a tax is levied. —*Emerson*
- 5282 In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.—*Franklin*
- 5283 Here comes Mr. Winter, Collector of Taxes,
I advise you to give whatever he axes,
And that, too, without any nonsense or flummery
For, though his name's Winter, his actions are summary.
—*Theodore Hook on Mr. Winter*
- 5284 "Taxes are equal, is a dogma which
I'll prove at once," exclaimed a Tory boor;
"Taxation hardly presses on the rich,
And likewise presses hardly on the poor."
- 5285 Protect the birds. The dove brings peace and the stork brings tax
exemptions.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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TEACHING

- 5291 A courage which looks easy and yet is rare; the courage of a
teacher repeating day after day the same lessons—the least
rewarded of all forms of courage. —*Balzac*
- 5292 Knowledge exists to be imparted. —*Emerson*
- 5293 Charming women can true converts make,
We love the precepts for the teacher's sake. —*George Farquhar*
- 5294 Let our teaching be full of ideas. Hitherto it has been stuffed only
with facts. —*Anatole France*
- 5295 The teacher is one who makes two ideas grow where only one
grew before. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 5296 The object of teaching a child is to enable him to get along with-
out his teacher. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 5297 I care not what subject is taught if only it be taught well.
—*T. H. Huxley*

5298 For him who fain would teach the world
 The world holds fate in fee—
 For Socrates, the hemlock cup;
 For Christ, Gethsemane. —*Don Marquis*

5299 I do not teach, I relate. —*Montaigne*

5300 Men must be taught as if you taught them not,
 And things unknown propos'd as things forgot. —*Pope*

5301 Delightful task! to rear the tender thought,
 To teach the young idea how to shoot. —*James Thomson*

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Learning

Knowledge

TEARS

5311 The drying up a single tear has more
 Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore. —*Byron*

5312 Every woman is wrong until she cries, and then she is right, in-
 stantly. —*Haliburton*

5313 The most efficient water power in the world—women's tears.
 —*Wilson Mizner*

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TEMPERANCE

5321 Abstaining is favorable both to the head and the pocket.
 —*Horace Greeley*

5322 The more a man denies himself, the more shall he obtain from
 God. —*Horace*

5323 Abstinence is as easy to me as temperance would be difficult.
 —*Johnson*

5324 Indulgence rare to pleasures lendeth zest. —*Juvenal*

5325 Afer is a sober man; he does not drink. What is that to me? I
 commend a slave for temperance, not a friend. —*Martial*

5326 Perfect good sense shuns all extremity,
 Content to couple wisdom with sobriety. —*Molière*

5327 Abstinence is the surety of temperance. —*Plato*

5328 To abstain that we may enjoy is the epicureanism of reason.
 —*Rousseau*

- 5329 Temperance and labor are the two best physicians of man.
—*Rousseau*
- 5330 Abstinence is easier than temperance.
—*Seneca*
- 5331 Choose rather to punish your appetites than to be punished by them.
—*Tyrius Maximus*
- 5332 Moderation is the watchword of people who are capable of only a small share of happiness; they wisely refuse to pay an exorbitant price for a happiness which, at best, is but petty.

RELATED SUBJECTS

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Sin

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TEMPTATION

- 5341 All men that are ruined, are ruined on the side of their natural propensities.
—*Burke*
- 5342 Compound for sins they are inclined to,
By damning those they have no mind to.
—*Samuel Butler*
- 5343 The Woman tempted me—and tempts me still!
Lord God, I pray You that she ever will!
—*E. V. Cooke*
- 5344 When Eve upon the first of men
The apple pressed, with specious cant,
Oh! what a thousand pities then
That Adam was not Adamant!
—*Thomas Hood*
- 5345 Man's chief merit consists in resisting the impulses of his nature.
—*Johnson*
- 5346 How oft the sight of means to do ill deeds
Makes ill deeds done!
—*Shakespeare*
- 5347 If he had been as you and you as he,
You would have slipped like him.
—*Shakespeare*
- 5348 I can resist everything except temptation.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 5349 The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 5350 Anybody can be good in the country. There are no temptations there.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 5351 The less the temptation, the greater the sin.
- 5352 Resist no temptation: a guilty conscience is more honorable than regret.

- 5353 Men will always show the wear and tear for having resisted a temptation.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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THEATER

- 5361 All tragedies are finished by a death,
All comedies are ended by a marriage. —*Byron*
- 5362 The first act's doubtful, but we say,
It is the last commends the play. —*Herrick*
- 5363 The program is nearly over! I can feel the audience is still with me—but if I run faster I can shake them off. —*Bob Hope*
- 5364 Not to go to the theater is like making one's toilet without a mirror. —*Schopenhauer*
- 5365 As long as more people will pay admission to a theater to see a naked body than to see a naked brain, the drama will languish. —*G. B. Shaw*

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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THOUGHT

- 5371 To generalize is to be an idiot. —*Blake*
- 5372 It's all right to have a train of thoughts, if you have a terminal. —*Bowker*
- 5373 A New Thinker is only one who does not know what the old thinkers have thought. —*Frank M. Colby*
- 5374 One thought includes all thought, in the sense that a grain of sand includes the universe. —*Coleridge*
- 5375 The narrower the mind, the broader the statement.—*Ted Cook*
- 5376 In order to improve the mind, we ought less to learn, than to contemplate. —*Descartes*
- 5377 (Cogito, ergo sum.)
I think, therefore I exist. —*Réné Descartes*
- 5378 All generalizations are dangerous, even this one. —*Dumas the Younger*

- 5379 Contemplation is to knowledge what digestion is to food—the way to get life out of it. —*Tryon Edwards*
- 5380 For just experience tells, in every soil,
That those who think must govern those who toil.—*Goldsmith*
- 5381 A man may dwell so long upon a thought that it may take him prisoner. —*Lord Halifax*
- 5382 The calmer thought is not always the right thought, just as the distant view is not always the truest view. —*Hawthorne*
- 5383 Thought is the labor of the intellect, reverie is its pleasure. —*Victor Hugo*
- 5384 The soul is dyed with the color of its leisure thoughts. —*Dean Inge*
- 5385 A fat paunch never breeds fine thoughts. —*St. Jerome*
- 5386 What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never mind. —*Thomas H. Key*
- 5387 Where all think alike, no one thinks very much. —*Walter Lippman*
- 5388 If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you. If you really make them think, they'll hate you. —*Don Marquis*
- 5389 The mind ought sometimes to be diverted that it may return to better thinking. —*Phaedrus*
- 5390 Thinking is the talking of the soul with itself. —*Plato*
- 5391 Hundreds can talk to one who can think; thousands can think to one who can see. —*Ruskin*
- 5392 There is nothing either good or bad,
But thinking makes it so. —*Shakespeare*
- 5393 They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts. —*Sir Philip Sidney*
- 5394 Associate reverently, and as much as you can, with your loftiest thoughts. —*Thoreau*
- 5395 Monotony mocks at life; thought belittles it.
- 5396 Paradoxes: Thoughts that do not go to church on Sunday.

5397 Deliberating is not delaying.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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TIME

5401 I consider time as an immense ocean, in which many noble authors
are entirely swallowed up. —*Addison*

5402 To choose time is to save time. —*Bacon*

5403 Others mistrust and say: "But time escapes—
Live now or never!"
He said: "What's time? Leave Now for dogs and apes!
Man has For ever. —*Browning*

5404 It was a favorite expression of Theophrastus that time was the
most valuable thing that a man could spend.
—*Diogenes Laertius*

5405 Time goes, you say? Ah no!—
Alas, time stays, we go. —*Dobson*

5406 The times are the masquerade of the eternities. —*Emerson*

5407 We ask for long life, but 'tis deep life, or noble moments that
signify. Let the measure of time be spiritual, not mechanical.
—*Emerson*

5408 The years teach much which the days never know. —*Emerson*

5409 Time will discover everything to posterity; it is a babbler, and
speaks even when no question is put. —*Euripides*

5410 Dost thou love life? Then waste not time; for time is the stuff
that life is made of. —*Franklin*

5411 You cannot step twice into the same stream. For 'as you are step-
ping in, other and yet other waters flow on. —*Heraclitus*

5412 Made, bitter-sweet, from fruits of life
There is a wine;
It quenches every human thirst—
We call it time. —*Jean Herrick*

5413 Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a
week. —*W. D. Howells*

- 5414 Time, whose tooth gnaws away everything else, is powerless
against truth. —*T. H. Huxley*
- 5415 God has commanded Time to console the unhappy. —*Joubert*
- 5416 The things of mortals, mortal are as they:
All pass us by, quickly to fade away,
If not, we pass by them and they decay. —*Lucian*
- 5417 Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two gold-
en hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is
offered for they are gone forever. —*Horace Mann*
- 5418 It is astonishing what a lot of odd minutes one can catch during
the day, if one really sets about it. —*Dinah Maria Mulock*
- 5419 The reason I beat the Austrians is, they did not know the value
of five minutes. —*Napoleon*
- 5420 Those we call the ancients were really new in everything.
—*Pascal*
- 5421 Time on its back bears all things far away.
Full many a change is wrought by many a day.
Shape, fortune, name, and nature all decay. —*Plato*
- 5422 Time carries off all things; would'st thou exchange
Name, looks, nature, luck? Just give time full range. —*Plato*
- 5423 Pythagoras, when he was asked what time was, answered that it
was the soul of this world. —*Plutarch*
- 5424 Time goes, you say? Ah, no!
Alas, Time stays, *we* go;
Or else, were this not so,
What need to chain the hours,
For Youth were always ours?
Time goes, you say—Ah, no! —*Pierre de Ronsard*
- 5425 Whatever begins, also ends. —*Seneca*
- 5426 A man who has taken your time recognizes no debt; yet it is the
one he can never repay. —*Seneca*
- 5427 Time himself is bald, and therefore to the world's end will have
bald followers. —*Shakespeare*
- 5428 We are Ancients of the earth,
And in the morning of the times. —*Tennyson*
- 5429 As if you could kill time without injuring eternity! —*Thoreau*

- 5430 There's scarce a point whereon mankind agree
 So well as in their boast of killing me;
 I boast of nothing, but when I've a mind
 I think I can be even with mankind. —*Voltaire, on Time*
- 5431 Counting time is not so important as making time count.
 —*James J. Walker*
- 5432 If you're there before it's over, you're on time.—*James J. Walker*
- 5433 He was always late on principle, his principle being that punctuality is the thief of time.
 —*Oscar Wilde*
- 5434 It chanceth in an hour, that comes not in seven years.
- 5435 Old Time kills us all,
 Rich, poor, great, and small,
 And 'tis therefore we rack our invention,
 Throughout all our days,
 In finding out ways
 To kill by way of prevention.
- 5436 Time wears out a man and commits outrages upon woman.
- 5437 No one can pass into Eternity; we are in it.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Age
 Day
 Delay
 Memory

TOBACCO

- 5441 The man who smokes thinks like a sage and acts like a Samaritan.
 —*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 5442 A good cigar is as great a comfort to a man as a good cry to a woman.
 —*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 5443 And a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke.
 —*Kipling*
- 5444 For thy sake, tobacco, I
 Would do anything but die. —*Lamb*
- 5445 What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar.
 —*Thomas R. Marshall*
- 5446 To smoke a cigar through a mouthpiece is equivalent to kissing a lady through a respirator.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Drinking
 Habit
 Vice

TOLERANCE

- 5451 Unfortunately I have an open mind. I let down a window in my brain about six or seven inches from the top even in the bitterest weather. —*Heywood Broun*
- 5452 The responsibility of tolerance lies with those who have the wider vision. —*George Eliot*
- 5453 By burning Luther's books you may rid your book-shelves of him, but you will not rid men's minds of him. —*Erasmus*
- 5454 The only tolerance in the world, the only tolerance that earns the name, is that toward intolerance. —*Louis Paul*
- 5455 The eagle suffers little birds to sing,
And is not careful what they mean thereby. —*Shakespeare*
- 5456 I do not agree with a word that you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. —*Voltaire*
- 5457 To some women a broadminded man is one who allows his wife a latitude of actions which he wouldn't dare follow himself.
- 5458 The objection to an open mind is that convictions get out as often as new ideas get in.
- 5459 Not to be captious, not unjustly fight,
'Tis to confess what's wrong, and do what's right.

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Liberty
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TONGUE

- 5461 No member needs so great a number of muscles as the tongue; this exceeds all the rest in the number of its movements. —*Da Vinci*
- 5462 A sharp tongue is the only edge tool that grows keener with constant use. —*Washington Irving*
- 5463 A fluent tongue is the only thing a mother don't like her daughter to resemble her in. —*Sheridan*
- 5464 A woman's tongue is her sword and she never lets it rust.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Conversation
Speeches

TRAVEL

- 5471 How much a dunce that has been sent to roam
Excels a dunce that has been kept at home! —*Cowper*
- 5472 A merry companion is as good as a wagon. —*John Lyly*
- 5473 The vagabond, when rich, is called a tourist. —*Paul Richard*
- 5474 To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive.—*Stevenson*

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Automobiles

World

TREASON

- 5481 Treason doth never prosper. What's the reason?
For if it prospers, none dare call it treason.
—*Sir John Harrington*
- 5482 'Tis not seasonable to call a man a traitor that has an army at his
heels. —*Selden*
- 5483 I wondered not when I was told,
The venal Scot his country sold;
But this I very much admire,
Where the deuce he found a buyer!

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Crime

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TREE

- 5491 I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have
to live than other things do. —*Willa Cather*
- 5492 Except during the nine months before he draws his first breath,
no man manages his affairs as well as a tree does.—*G. B. Shaw*
- 5493 The tree is no sooner down, but every one runs for his hatchet.

RELATED SUBJECT

Nature

TRIFLES

- 5500 He that despiseth little things shall perish by little and little.
—*Bible*
- 5501 Exactness in little things is a wonderful source of cheerfulness.
—*F. W. Faber*
- 5502 Little minds are too much hurt by little things; great minds are
quite conscious of them, and despise them.—*La Rochefoucauld*

- 5503 Recollect that trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle.
—*Michelangelo*
- 5504 A hole is nothing at all, but you can break your neck in it.
—*Austin O'Malley*
- 5505 With lovers and sick people there are no trifles.
- 5506 There is something airy and elusive about the superficial which
saves it from ridicule.
- 5507 'Tis the little rift within the lute
That by and by will make the music mute,
And, ever widening, slowly silence all.
- 5508 Great fleas have little fleas
Upon their backs to bite 'em,
And these again have lesser fleas,
And so—ad infinitum.

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Vanity

TROUBLES

- 5521 He that mischief hatcheth, mischief catcheth. —*William Camden*
- 5522 Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people
bear three—all they have had, all they have now, and all they
expect to have. —*Edward Everett Hale*
- 5523 Troubles are like babies—they only grow by nursing.
—*Douglas Jerrold*
- 5524 there is always
a comforting thought
in time of trouble when
it is not our trouble. —*Don Marquis*
- 5525 I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but
most of them never happened. —*Mark Twain*
- 5526 Laugh a little more at your own troubles and a little less at your
neighbor's.
- 5527 He that will have no trouble in this world must not be born in it.
- 5528 He that seeks trouble it were a pity he should miss it.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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TRUST

- 5531 Let us have a care not to disclose our hearts to those who shut up
theirs against us. —*Francis Beaumont*
- 5532 Sole friend to worth,
And patroness of all good spirits, Confidence. —*Chapman*
- 5533 You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in
torment if you do not trust enough. —*Frank Crane*
- 5534 God has delivered yourself to your care, and says: "I had no
fitter to trust than you." —*Epictetus*
- 5535 Skill and confidence are an unconquered army.—*George Herbert*
- 5536 By mutual confidence and mutual aid
Great deeds are done, and great discoveries made. —*Homer*
- 5537 Confidence is a plant of slow growth; especially in an aged
bosom. —*Johnson*
- 5538 To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved.
—*George Macdonald*
- 5539 It is an excellent means of gaining the heart of others to submit
and trust in it. —*Montaigne*
- 5540 Confidence, like the soul, never returns whence it has once de-
parted. —*Publilius Syrus*
- 5541 If you trust before you try,
You may repent before you die. —*Ray*
- 5542 He who mistrusts most should be trusted least. —*Theognis*
- 5543 It is an equal failing to trust everybody, and to trust nobody.
- 5544 Confidence goeth farther in company than good sense.
- 5545 Suspicion is the courageous side of weakness.
- 5546 Alas! when people have confidence again they will again have con-
fidence in the wrong thing.
- 5547 Man argues woman may not be trusted too far; woman feels man
cannot be trusted too near.

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TRUTH

- 5550 Pure truth cannot be assimilated by the crowd; it must be communicated by contagion. —*Amiel*
- 5551 Defeat is a school in which truth always grows strong. —*H. W. Beecher*
- 5552 A truth that's told with bad intent
Beats all the lies you can invent. —*Blake*
- 5553 Truth is the shattered mirror strown
In myriad bits; while each believes his little bit the whole to own. —*Burton*
- 5554 For things said false and never meant,
Do oft prove true by accident. —*Samuel Butler*
- 5555 Truths turn into dogmas the moment they are disputed. —*Chesterton*
- 5556 Baldwin occasionally stumbles over the truth, but he always hastily picks himself up and hurries on as if nothing had happened. —*Winston Churchill*
- 5557 Veracity does not consist in *saying*, but in the intention of communicating truth. —*Coleridge*
- 5558 Truth is the object of philosophy, but not always of philosophers. —*Churton Collins*
- 5559 Every gaudy color
Is a bit of truth. —*Nathalia Crane*
- 5560 There is nothing so strong or safe in an emergency of life as the simple truth. —*Dickens*
- 5561 The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it. —*Emerson*
- 5562 Truth is the property of no individual but is the treasure of all men. —*Emerson*
- 5563 God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose.
Take which you please—you can never have both. —*Emerson*
- 5564 Craft must have clothes, but truth loves to go naked. —*Thomas Fuller*
- 5565 An exaggeration is a truth that has lost its temper. —*Kahlil Gibran*
- 5566 Those who honestly mean to be true contradict themselves more rarely than those who try to be consistent. —*O. W. Holmes*
- 5567 It is the customary fate of new truths to begin as heresies and to end as superstitions. —*T. H. Huxley*

- 5568 Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors. —*T. H. Huxley*
- 5569 It is always the best policy to speak the truth, unless of course, you are an exceptionally good liar. —*Jerome K. Jerome*
- 5570 When speculation has done its worst, two and two still make four. —*Johnson*
- 5571 What is true by lamplight is not always true by sunlight. —*Joubert*
- 5572 The veracity which increases with old age is not far from folly. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 5573 Truth uttered before its time is always dangerous. —*Mencius*
- 5574 The average man does not get pleasure out of an idea because he thinks it is true; he thinks it is true because he gets pleasure out of it. —*Mencken*
- 5575 I speak truth, not all I would like to, but as much as I dare to speak. —*Montaigne*
- 5576 I may indeed very well happen to contradict myself; but truth, as Demades said, I do not contradict. —*Montaigne*
- 5577 Some folks never handle the truth without scratching it. —*Austin O'Malley*
- 5578 The old faiths light their candles all about, but burly truth comes by and blows them out. —*Lizette W. Reese*
- 5579 My way of joking is to tell the truth. It's the funniest joke in the world. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 5580 It takes two to speak truth—one to speak and another to hear. —*Thoreau*
- 5581 Truth is such a precious article let us all economize in its use. —*Mark Twain*
- 5582 Tell the truth, and so puzzle and confound your adversaries. —*Sir Henry Wotton*
- 5583 Truth belongs to the realm of science; it plays no part in man's happiness.
- 5584 I don't know if truth is stranger than fiction; it is certainly more disconcerting.
- 5585 What a mad scramble in search after truth; when truth has invariably proven so inessential.
- 5586 Seeing's believing, but feeling's the truth.

- 5587 Absolute truth does not border upon, but actually overlaps, fanaticism.
- 5588 "Truer words were never spoken—"
Ah, but true words leave hearts broken!
Truth is only for the wise—
Lovers ought to stick to lies.
- 5589 Some of the things that seem too good to be true—they just aren't true.
- 5590 Platitudes are among the most useful things in the world for those who know how to use them, for truth is not the worse for being obvious, undeniable, or familiar.
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UNDERSTANDING

- 5591 It is not the hand, but the understanding of a man, that may be said to write. —*Cervantes*
- 5592 There are three things I have always loved, and never understood —painting, music, women. —*Fontenelle*
- 5593 .It is better to understand little than to misunderstand a lot. —*Anatole France*
- 5594 To understand everything is to forgive everything. —*Gautama*
- 5595 We shall never understand one another until we reduce the language to seven words. —*Kahlil Gibran*
- 5596 He who does not understand your silence will probably not understand your words. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 5597 Men are most apt to believe what they least understand. —*Montaigne*
- 5598 Women are wiser than men because they know less and understand more. —*James Stephens*

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Error Wisdom
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V

VALUE

- 5601 Worth seeing? yes; but not worth going to see. —*Johnson*
5602 Nothing is so useless as a general maxim. —*Macaulay*
5603 “So so” is good, very good, very excellent good; and yet it is not;
it is but so so. —*Shakespeare*
5604 It is no good hen, that cackles in your house and lays in another’s.
5605 Half a loaf is better than no bread.
5606 Weeds are as much a part of Life as cultivated plants; they are
misplaced only according to human conceptions.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Character
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VANITY

- 5611 In heaven I yearn for knowledge, account all else inanity;
On earth I confess an itch for the praise of fools—that's vanity.
—*Browning*
- 5612 There's no weapon that slays
Its victim so surely (if well aimed) as praise. —*Bulwer-Lytton*
- 5613 Men are vain, but they won't mind women's working so long as
they get smaller salaries for the same jobs. —*Irvin S. Cobb*
- 5614 If you cannot inspire a woman with love of you, fill her above the
brim with love of herself; all that runs over will be yours.
—*C. C. Colton*
- 5615 Vanity, like murder, will out. —*Cowley*
- 5616 The solemn fop; significant and budge;
A fool with judges, amongst fools a judge. —*Cowper*
- 5617 The 'black crow thinketh her own birds white.—*Gavin Douglas*
- 5618 True fops help nature's work, and go to school
To file and finish God Almighty's fool. —*Dryden*
- 5619 The time he can spare from the adornment of his person he de-
votes to the neglect of his duties. —*Jowett*

- 5620 What makes the vanity of other people insupportable is that it wounds our own. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 5621 Part of your face is clipped, part shaven, part has the hair pulled out. Who would believe that you have but one head? —*Martial*
- 5622 Zoilus, why do you delight in using a whole pound weight of gold for the setting of a stone, and thus burying your poor sardonix? Such rings are more suited to your legs; the weight is too great for fingers. —*Martial*
- 5623 Since naked on the earth I made my start
And naked must beneath the earth depart—
Then, for a naked end why vex my heart? —*Palladas*
- 5624 Nature made ev'ry fop to plague his brother,
Just as one beauty mortifies another. —*Pope*
- 5625 She would rather be looked around at than up to. —*Phil Robinson*
- 5626 Provided a man is not mad, he can be cured of every folly but vanity. —*Rousseau*
- 5627 Vanity is the quicksand of reason. —*George Sand*
- 5628 He who blushes at riding in a rattle-trap, will boast when he rides in style. —*Seneca*
- 5629 Every occasion will catch the senses of the vain man, and with that bridle and saddle you may ride him. —*Sir Philip Sidney*
- 5630 She is a peacock in everything but beauty. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 5631 Vanity as an impulse has without doubt been of far more benefit to civilization than modesty has ever been. —*W. E. Woodward*
- 5632 Only a vain woman can live by the emotions she inspires.
- 5633 Tacit admiration flatters only the vain.

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VICE

- 5641 The willing contemplation of vice is vice. —*Arabian Proverb*
- 5642 Every vice was once a virtue, and may become respectable again, just as hatred becomes respectable in wartime. —*Will Durant*

- 5643 There is no man who is not at some time indebted to his vices, as no plant that is not fed from manures. —*Emerson*
- 5644 What maintains one vice would bring up two children. —*Franklin*
- 5645 One big vice in a man is apt to keep out a great many smaller ones. —*Bret Harte*
- 5646 When our vices quit us, we flatter ourselves with the belief that it is we who quit them. —*La Rochefoucauld*
- 5647 A vice is a failure of desire. —*Lee*
- 5648 It has ever been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues. —*Lincoln*
- 5649 It is false to say that you are a vicious man, Zoilus; you are not a vicious man, you are vice itself. —*Martial*
- 5650 Vice leaves, like an ulcer in the flesh, a repentance in the soul, which is always scratching itself until it bleeds. —*Montaigne*
- 5651 The heart resolves this matter in a trice,
"Men only feel the smart, but not the vice." —*Pope*
- 5652 Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace. —*Pope*
- 5653 The diff'rence is too nice
Where ends the virtue or begins the vice. —*Pope*
- 5654 Vices that are familiar we pardon, and only new ones do we reprehend. —*Publilius Syrus*
- 5655 Vices are often habits rather than passions. —*Rivarol*
- 5656 Vice repeated is like the wandering wind; blows dust in others eyes, to spread itself. —*Shakespeare*
- 5657 One usually boasts of a vice that one can get rid of at will.
- 5658 Assume a vice though you have it not, with the hope that it may grow upon you.

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Desire
Morality
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Temptation
Wickedness

VIRTUE

- 5661 Many wish not so much to be virtuous, as to seem to be.—*Cicero*
- 5662 All bow to virtue, and then walk away. —*De Finod*
- 5663 The virtue which requires to be ever guarded is scarcely worth the sentinel. —*Goldsmith*
- 5664 They who disbelieve in virtue because man has never been found perfect, might as reasonably deny the sun because it is not always noon. —*Hare*
- 5665 Men are virtuous because women are; women are virtuous from necessity. —*E. W. Howe*
- 5666 Virtue is a beautiful thing in woman when they don't go about with it like a child with a drum making all sorts of noise with it. —*Douglas Jerrold*
- 5667 Let them call it mischief:
When it is past and prospered 'twill be virtue. —*Jonson*
- 5668 Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it. —*David Starr Jordan*
- 5669 Virtue by calculation is the virtue of vice. —*Joubert*
- 5670 Virtue's admired—and shivers with the cold. —*Juvenal*
- 5671 To remain virtuous a man has only to combat his own desires; a woman must resist her own inclinations and the continual attack of man. —*De Latena*
- 5672 The resistance of a woman is not always a proof of her virtue, but more frequently of her experience. —*Ninon de l'Enclos*
- 5673 Virtue, with some women, is but the precaution of locking doors. —*Lemonley*
- 5674 Abraham Lincoln
his hand and pen.
he will be good but
god knows When.
—*Lincoln in a childhood copy book*
- 5675 What an antiseptic is a pure life! —*Lowell*
- 5676 Nothing is more adroit than irreproachable conduct. —*Madame de Maintenon*
- 5677 Affectation hides three times as many virtues as charity does sins. —*Horace Mann*
- 5678 A man should *be* upright, not be *kept* upright.—*Marcus Aurelius*

- 5679 You say, Senca, that you were violated by robbers, but the robbers deny it. —*Martial*
- 5680 You say, Bassa, that you are beautiful. You say that you are a maiden. She who is not so, Bassa, is generally ready to say that she is. —*Martial*
- 5681 Rumor says, Chione, that you have never had to do with men, and that nothing can be purer than yourself. And yet when you bathe, you veil not that part which you should veil. If you have any modesty, veil your face. —*Martial*
- 5682 Good men make life a twofold span to last:
Twice does he live who can enjoy his past. —*Martial*
- 5683 O God, keep me innocent; make others great!
—*Caroline Matilda, Queen of Denmark*
- 5684 Confidence in another man's virtue is no slight evidence of one's own. —*Montaigne*
- 5685 Disappointment and feebleness imprint upon us a cowardly and valetudinarian virtue. —*Montaigne*
- 5686 If you would return to virtue, you must shun depravity—
Fatherland and father follow, more than foreign infamy.
—*Nævius*
- 5687 When men grow virtuous in their old age, they only make a sacrifice to God of the devil's leavings. —*Pope*
- 5688 The path of a good woman is indeed strewn with flowers; but they rise behind her steps, not before them. —*Ruskin*
- 5689 No virtue is safe that is not enthusiastic. —*J. R. Seeley*
- 5690 Virtue rejects a mean admirer: you must come to her with open purse. —*Seneca*
- 5691 Hold thou her sinless who has sinned for thee. —*Seneca*
- 5692 The good man is Nature's creditor, giving her back better life than he had of her. —*Seneca*
- 5693 Dost thou think, because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cakes and ale? —*Shakespeare*
- 5694 There was never virgin got till virginity was first lost.
—*Shakespeare*
- 5695 Virtue consists, not in abstaining from vice, but in not desiring it. —*G. B. Shaw*
- 5696 Blessedness is not the reward of virtue but virtue itself.—*Spinoza*

- 5697 I think I could be a good woman if I had five thousand a year.
—*Thackeray*
- 5698 Be not simply good; be good for something. —*Thoreau*
- 5699 There is no odor so bad as that which arises from goodness tainted.
—*Thoreau*
- 5700 There are no women to whom virtue comes easier than those who possess no attractions.
- 5701 Only the good want to die young.
- 5702 Virtue carries its own reward and a mighty sad consolation.
- 5703 Every whisper in a woman's ear is an attack upon her virtue.
- 5704 In the generality of men their virtues are nothing else but their vices at rest.
- 5705 Good man: one who is neither clever enough to avoid temptations, nor wise enough to yield to them.
- 5706 Since riches lead to vice,
And poverty to theft,
Outside of paradise
Is any virtue left?
- 5707 Virtue—in the female, lack of temptation—in the male, lack of opportunity.
- 5708 Virtue which parleys, is near a surrender.
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VULGARITY

- 5711 To the vulgar eye, few things are wonderful that are not distant.
—*Carlyle*
- 5712 Vulgarly is simply the conduct of other people. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 5713 Details are always vulgar. —*Oscar Wilde*

- 5714 Woman is less vulgar but more commonplace than man.
 5715 Vulgarly is the rich man's modest contribution to democracy.
 5716 There are fewer vulgar women than men, but they are more repulsive.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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WAR

- 5722 On at them! A battle's not lost till 'tis won.
 Both sides owe self-respect. Thus, he who shows
 Triumph in the face of his beaten foes,
 Merits not success. —*Archilochus of Paros*
- 5723 Violence does even justice unjustly. —*Carlyle*
- 5724 War means fightin', and fightin' means killin'.
 —*Gen. N. B. Forrest*
- 5725 I have always noticed that God is on the side of the heavy bat-
 talions. —*Marquis de la Ferte Imbault*
- 5726 A great war leaves the country with three armies—an army of
 cripples, an army of mourners, and an army of thieves.
 —*German proverb*
- 5727 My argument is that War makes rattling good history; but
 Peace is poor reading. —*Thomas Hardy*
- 5728 You know what a tank is . . .
 It's a used car with protection from the finance company.
 —*Bob Hope*
- 5729 Waterloo is a battle of the first rank won by a captain of the
 second. —*Victor Hugo*
- 5730 The Prussian schoolmaster won the battle of Sadowa.
 —*Von Moltke*
- 5731 When you can use the lightning it is better than cannon.
 —*Napoleon*
- 5732 The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton.
 —*Duke of Wellington*

- 5733 Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.
—*Duke of Wellington*
- 5734 The real war will never get in the books. —*Whitman*
- 5735 Have you heard that it was good to gain the day?
I also say it is good to fall, battles are lost in the same spirit in which they are won. —*Whitman*
- 5736 Thought refuses to be stationary, institutions refuse to change, and war is the consequence. —*E. L. Youmans*
- 5737 The conquered is never called wise, nor the conqueror rash.
- 5738 The old Irish when immersing a babe at baptism left out the right arm so that it would remain pagan for good fighting.
- 5739 The war that will end war will not be fought with guns.
- 5740 Another thing against war is that it seldom if ever kills off the right people.
- 5741 War is brought on by countries that want peace at their own price.
- 5742 The war spark is often fanned by trade winds.
- 5743 There will be more wars until men grow brave enough to stop them.
- 5744 War makes fright, fright makes alliances, alliances make war.
- 5745 And the greatest paradox of them all is still Civilized Warfare.

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Death

Enemies

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WEAKNESS

- 5751 Better make a weak man your enemy than your friend.
—*Josh Billings*
- 5752 Women are never stronger than when they arm themselves with their weakness.
—*Mme. du Deffand*
- 5753 Our strength grows out of our weakness. —*Emerson*

- 5754 People who have no weaknesses are terrible; there is no way of taking advantage of them. —*Anatole France*

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Cowardice

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WEALTH

- 5761 Though thy broad lands beyond the Pillars stretch
No more thou ownest than the poorest wretch.
Like Irus, all thy wealth in one dead hand,
Thy corpse lies mouldering in another's land. —*Ammianus*
- 5762 He has not acquired a fortune; the fortune has acquired him. —*Bion*
- 5763 The worst thing that can happen to a man is to lose his money,
the next worst his health, the next worst his reputation. —*Samuel Butler*
- 5764 We call our rich relatives the kin we love to touch.—*Eddie Cantor*
- 5765 Wealth, after all, is a relative thing, since he that has little, and
wants less, is richer than he that has much, and wants more. —*C. C. Colton*
- 5766 Prosperity is only an instrument to be used; not a deity to be worshipped. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- 5767 He is only rich who owns the day. —*Emerson*
- 5768 Riches serve a wise man, but command a fool.—*Thomas Fuller*
- 5769 Too poor for a bribe, and too proud to importune,
He had not the method of making a fortune. —*Thomas Gray*
- 5770 Poor in my youth, and in life's later scenes
Rich to no end, I curse my natal hour,
Who naught enjoyed while young, denied the means;
And naught when old enjoy'd, denied the power. —*Greek epigram*
- 5771 Punishment of a miser—to pay the drafts of his heir in his tomb. —*Hawthorne*
- 5772 Get place and wealth, if possible, with grace;
If not, by any means get wealth and place. —*Horace*
- 5773 If Rockefeller could eat he wouldn't be so rich.—*Kin Hubbard*

- 5774 Another bad thing about "prosperity" is that you can't jingle any money without bein' under suspicion. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 5775 It seems t' me that when a feller hain't got neither time ner money t' do a thing our celebrated prosperity has reached th' limit. —*Kin Hubbard*
- 5776 These heroes of finance are like beads on a string—when one slips off, all the rest follow. —*Ibsen*
- 5777 'Tis better to live rich than to die rich. —*Johnson*
- 5778 How you've got rich, none cares; rich you must be. —*Juvenal*
- 5779 When I wish I was rich, then I know I am ill.—*D. H. Lawrence*
- 5780 They call thee rich; I deem thee poor;
Since, if thou darest not use thy store,
But savest only for thine heirs,
The treasure is not thine, but theirs. —*Lucillius*
- 5781 Africanus is a millionaire, yet he is a legacy hunter. Fortune gives too much to many, enough to none. —*Martial*
- 5782 To be angry is all you know, you rich friends. You do not act prettily, but it is more profitable to get angry than to give. —*Martial*
- 5783 You had spent, Apicius, sixty millions of sesterces on your belly, but you had still left a loose ten millions. In despair at such a reduction, as if you were condemned to endure hunger and thirst, you took as a last draught a dose of poison. No greater proof of gluttony than this, Apicius, was ever given by you. —*Martial*
- 5784 The only wealth which you will keep forever is the wealth which you have given away. —*Martial*
- 5785 There's nothing so comfortable as a small bankroll. A big one is always in danger. —*Wilson Mizner*
- 5786 Money, the only substance which can keep a cold world from nicknaming a citizen "Hey, you!" —*Wilson Mizner*
- 5787 In the case of our multi-millionaires virtues must necessarily be "sterling virtues." —*Gustavus Myers*
- 5788 Thou'rt growing rich. What good can riches be?
Thy coffin has not room for them and thee.
Thou spendest hours in gathering in thy store,
Yet cans't not add to life one hour the more. —*Palladas*
- 5789 When a man dies he clutches in his hands only that which he has given away during his lifetime. —*Rousseau*

- 5790 Wealth falls on some men as a copper down a drain.—*Seneca*
- 5791 Health without wealth is half a sickness.
- 5792 He that has money is bothered about it;
And he that has none is bothered without it.
- 5793 Thou canst not serve God, unless thy mammon serve thee.
- 5794 Riches have made more men covetous, than covetousness hath
made men rich.
- 5795 Riches are like muck, which stink in a heap, but spread abroad,
make the earth fruitful.
- 5796 For one rich man that is content there are a hundred that are not.
- 5797 God shows His contempt for wealth by the kind of persons He
selects to receive it.
- 5798 This man was wondrous rich, and oft did crave
To bear his riches with him to the grave—
But Death was stern, and stopped them at the door,
So took him only, penniless and poor.
- 5799 The brother had rather see the sister rich than make her so.
- 5800 It is about as hard for a rich man to enter heaven as it is for a
poor man to remain on earth.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Greed
Fortune
Money
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WEATHER

- 5801 De win' can blow lak hurricane
An' s'pose she blow some more
You can't get drown on Lac St. Pierre
So long you stay on shore. —*W. H. Drummond*
- 5802 Whichever way the wind doth blow
Some heart is glad to have it so;
Then blow it east or blow it west,
The wind that blows, that wind is best. —*Caroline A. Mason*
- 5803 Winter lingered so long in the lap of Spring, that it occasioned a
great deal of talk. —*Bill Nye*
- 5804 Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is
exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only
different kinds of good weather. —*Ruskin*

5805 Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.
—*Charles Dudley Warner*

5806 There is nothing more universally commended than a fine day; the reason is that people can commend it without envy.
—*William Shenstone*

5807 The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year;
Not cold enough for whiskey hot, but too damn cold for beer.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Day

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WICKEDNESS

5811 There never was a bad man that had ability for good service.
—*Burke*

5812 When Pompey was Rome's consul first,
'Twas with but two adulterers cursed.
When next he did the office fill,
These two remain'd to cuckold still;
But they had managed so to teach,
That myriads more had sprung from each:
So fast it breeds and breeds again,
The taste for wives of other men.
—*Catullus*

5813 The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary: men alone are quite capable of every wickedness. —*Joseph Conrad*

5814 Corruption never has been compulsory. —*Anthony Eden*

5815 Sing-Sing has several men who were sent there simply because they had Axminster desires and rag-carpet capacities.
—*Elbert Hubbard*

5816 None in a moment e'er grew wholly vile. —*Juvenal*

5817 Wickedness sucks in the greater part of its own venom, and poisons itself therewith. —*Montaigne*

5818 But when to mischief mortals bend their will, how soon they find fit instruments of ill!
—*Pope*

5819 You may be as orthodox as the Devil, and as wicked.
—*John Wesley*

5820 As good a knave I know as a knave I know not.

5821 Rogues differ little. Each began first as a disobedient son.

5822 Corruption of the best becomes the worst.

- 5823 Those who admire strength in a rascal do not live in his town.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Character
Conscience
Error
Evil
Guilt
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Vice

WIDOW

- 5831 A widow of doubtful age will marry almost any sort of a white man.
—*Horace Greeley*
- 5832 Easy-crying widows take new husbands soonest; there's nothing like wet weather for transplanting.
—*O. W. Holmes*
- 5833 A married man can do anything he likes if his wife don't mind. A widower can't be too careful.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 5834 He that would woo a maid must feign, lie and flatter,
But he that woos a widow must down with his britches and at her.
—*Nathaniel Smith*
- 5835 A buxom widow must be either married, buried, or shut up in a convent.
- 5836 A good occasion of courtship is when the widow returns from the funeral.
- 5837 Sorrow for a husband is like a pain in the elbow, sharp and short.
- 5838 Who marries a widow and two daughters marries three thieves.
- 5839 Be wary how you marry one that hath cast her rider, I mean a widow.
- 5840 When a man marries a widow his jealousies revert to the past: no man is as good as his wife says her first husband was.
- 5841 A widow in love tries either to efface her past or re-enact it—she will forever compare.

RELATED SUBJECTS

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WIFE

- 5851 Wives in their husbands' absences grow subtler,
And daughters sometimes run off with the butler.
—*Byron*

- 5852 When a man says, "Get out of my house! what would you have with my wife?" there's no answer to be made. —*Cervantes*
- 5853 My wife has a whim of iron. —*Oliver Herford*
- 5854 Lycoris has buried all her female friends, Fabianus. I wish she could make friends with my wife. —*Martial*
- 5855 You ask why I won't marry a rich wife? Because I don't want to pass as my wife's husband. The wife should be inferior to the husband, Priscus. That is the only way to insure equality between the two. —*Martial*
- 5856 There was no one in the whole city, Caecilianus, who desired to meddle with your wife, even gratis, while permission was given; but now, since you have set a watch upon her, the crowd of gallants is enormous. You are a clever fellow! —*Martial*
- 5857 Amongst Lybian tribes your wife, Gallus, has a bad reputation; they charge her foully with insatiate greed. But these stories are simply lies; she is not at all in the habit of receiving favors. What then is her habit? She gives them. —*Martial*
- 5858 This is now the seventh wife that you have buried in your field, Phileros. No one gets a better return from his field than you do. —*Martial*
- 5859 Do you wonder, Caecilianus, why Afer does not retire to rest? You see with whom he has to share his couch. —*Martial*
- 5860 Alone you possess your farms, Candidus, alone your cash, alone your golden and murrhine vessels, alone your Massic wine, alone your Caecuban of Opimius' year, alone your heart, alone your wit, alone you possess all your property. (Do you think I wish to deny it?)—but your wife, Candidus, you share with all the world. —*Martial*
- 5861 A good wife is a fortune to a man, especially if she is poor. —*Michelet*
- 5862 Pittacus said, "Every one of you hath his particular plague, and my wife is mine; and he is very happy who hath this only." —*Plutarch*
- 5863 Try praising your wife, even if it does frighten her at first. —*Billy Sunday*
- 5864 An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband. —*Tarkington*
- 5865 My notion of a wife at forty, is that a man should be able to change her, like a bank note, for two twenties.
- 5866 A fair wife without a fortune, is a fine house without furniture.

- 5867 He that loseth his wife and a farthing hath a great loss of a farthing.
- 5868 He that tells his wife news, is but lately married.
- 5869 It is better to marry a quiet fool than a witty scold.
- 5870 Ne'er seek a wife till ye ken what to do wi' her.
- 5871 There is but one good wife in the world, and every man thinks he has her.
- 5872 Wives must be had, be they good or bad.
- 5873 Many blame the wife for their own thriftless life.
- 5874 A good wife makes a good husband.
- 5875 "How like is this picture, you'd think that it breathes!
What life! What expression! What spirit!
It wants but a tongue." "Oh, no!" said the spouse,
"That want is its principal merit."

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WINE

- 5881 On one occasion some one put a very little wine into a wine-cooler, and said that it was sixteen years old. "It is very small for its age," said Gnathaena. —*Athenaeus*
- 5882 'Tis pity wine should be so deleterious,
For tea and coffee leave us much more serious. —*Byron*
- 5883 When asked what wine he liked to drink, he (Diogenes) replied,
"That which belongs to another." —*Diogenes Laertius*
- 5884 Gracious Bacchus! Accept this empty jar! You will know best,
What in pious worship of thee became of all the rest.
—*Eratosthenes*
- 5885 The Vine to the Goat:
Though thou gnaw me to the root
I shall sprout and bear fresh fruit,
Just enough to make some wine
To anoint that hide of thine
When, upon the altar laid,
A burnt offering thou art made." —*Euenus*

- 5886 Fill me with the old familiar Juice. —*Omar Khayyam*
 5887 I wonder often what the Vintners buy
 One half so precious as the stuff they sell. —*Omar Khayyam*
 5888 Come, come, good wine is a good familiar creature if it be well
 used; exclaim no more against it. —*Shakespeare*
 5889 Wine is wont to show the mind of man. —*Theognis*
 5890 The corkscrew—a useful key to unlock the storehouse of wit, the
 treasury of laughter, the front-door of fellowship, and the gate
 of pleasant folly.

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Drinking
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 Pleasure
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WISDOM

- 5891 Wise men plead causes, but fools decide them. —*Anacharsis*
 5892 The use of the head abridges the labor of the hands.
 —*H. W. Beecher*
 5893 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a
 stinking savor: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation
 for wisdom and honor. —*Bible*
 5894 One wise man's verdict outweighs all the fools'. —*Browning*
 5895 A man doesn't begin to attain wisdom until he recognizes that he
 is no longer indispensable. —*Admiral Byrd*
 5896 Intelligence is a luxury, sometimes useless, sometimes fatal. It is
 a torch or firebrand according to the use one makes of it.
 —*Caballero*
 5897 If common sense has not the brilliancy of the sun, it has the fixity
 of the stars. —*Caballero*
 5898 Defer not till to-morrow to be wise,
 To-morrow's sun to thee may never rise. —*Congreve*
 5899 Knowledge is proud that he has learn'd so much;
 Wisdom is humble that he knows no more. —*Cowper*
 5900 If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it from
 him. —*Franklin*
 5901 Wisdom is never dear, provided the article be genuine
 —*Horace Greeley*

- 5902 He whose wisdom cannot help him, gets no good from being wise.
—*Ennius*
- 5903 Wisdom is the abstract of the past, but beauty is the promise of the future.
—*O. W. Holmes*
- 5904 Wisdom is knowing what to do next;
Skill is knowing how to do it, and Virtue is doing it.
—*David Starr Jordan*
- 5905 To perceive things in the germ is intelligence. —*Lao-Tsze*
- 5906 It is great cleverness to know how to conceal our cleverness.
—*La Rochefoucauld*
- 5907 The first dawn of smartness is to stop trying things you don't know anything about—especially if they run to anything over a dollar.
—*Wilson Mizner*
- 5908 It is not our follies that make me laugh, it is our sapiences.
—*Montaigne*
- 5909 He bids fair to grow wise who has discovered that he is not so.
—*Publilius Syrus*
- 5910 Wisdom comes by disillusionment. —*Santayana*
- 5911 Intellect is invisible to the man who has none. —*Schopenhauer*
- 5912 Many persons might have attained to wisdom had they not assumed that they already possessed it. —*Seneca*
- 5913 God give them wisdom that have it; and those that are fools, let them use their talents.
—*Shakespeare*
- 5914 Wisdom is ever a blessing; education is sometimes a curse.
—*John A. Shedd*
- 5915 Though a man be wise,
It is no shame for him to live and learn. —*Sophocles*
- 5916 Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done.
—*C. E. Stowe*
- 5917 Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers. —*Tennyson*
- 5918 Be wise with speed;
A fool at forty is a fool indeed. —*Young*
- 5919 He that is a wise man by day is no fool by night.
- 5920 Some are wise, and some are otherwise.
- 5921 A wise man may look ridiculous in the company of fools.
- 5922 If wise men were hairs, the world would need a wig.

- 5923 Only the wise can be perplexed.
- 5924 God and men think him a fool who brags of his own great wisdom.
- 5925 The Wisdom of the humble—"Lor', chile, when yuh ain't got no education, yuh jes' *got* to use yo' brains."
- 5926 John Wesley Gains!
John Wesley Gains!
Thou monumental mass of brains!
Come in, John Wesley—
For it rains. —On a certain Congressman

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Caution

Discretion

Example

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Learning

Knowledge

Wit

WIT

- 5931 Wit needs leisure, and certain inequalities of position. —Balzac
- 5932 The next best thing to being witty one's self, is to be able to quote another's wit. —C. N. Bovée
- 5933 No one can be a wit of the first water who isn't dry behind the ears. —Fuller
- 5934 Wit is the salt of conversation. —Hazlitt
- 5935 Impropriety is the soul of wit. —Somerset Maugham
- 5936 A witty woman is a treasure; a witty beauty is a power. —George Meredith
- 5937 Wit and judgment are often at strife,
Tho' meant each other's aid, like man and wife. —Pope
- 5938 True Wit is nature to advantage dress'd,
What oft was thought, but ne'er so well expressed. —Pope
- 5939 You beat your pate, and fancy wit will come;
Knock as you please, there's nobody at home. —Pope
- 5940 Wit, like tierce claret, when't begins to pall,
Neglected lies, and's of no use at all,
But in its full perfection of decay
Turns vinegar, and comes again in play. —Rochester

- 5941 What he hath scanted men in hair, he hath given them in wit.
—*Shakespeare*
- 5942 The malice of a good thing is the barb that make it stick.
—*Sheridan*
- 5943 Wit consists in knowing the resemblance of things which differ,
and the difference of things which are alike.—*Mme. De Staël*
- 5944 You have risen by your *gravity*;
I have sunk by my *levity*. —*Horne Tooke*
- 5945 I prefer cheerful people to witty ones; wit is cheerfulness pain-
fully intellectualized.
- 5946 Wit: Intellect on a spree.
- 5947 A woman of wit acquires the cynicism of man.
- 5948 Many that are wits in jest, are fools in earnest.
- 5949 Satire should, like a polished razor keen,
Wound with a touch that's scarcely felt or seen.
- 5950 They say his wit's refined. Thus is explained
The seeming mystery—his wit is strained.
- 5951 Enough wit places one above his equal; too much of it lowers him
to the rank of mere entertainer.

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WOMEN

- 5961 O Bruscus, cease our aching ears to vex
With thy loud railing at the softer sex;
No accusation worse than this could be,
That once a woman did give birth to thee. —*Acilius*
- 5962 The woman who is known only through a man is known wrong.
—*Henry Adams*
- 5963 The woman that deliberates is lost. —*Addison*
- 5964 To our shame a woman is never so much attached to us as when
we suffer. —*Balzac*
- 5965 The way to fight a woman is with your hat. Grab it and run.
—*John Barrymore*

- 5966 Women are happier in the love they inspire than in that which they feel; men are just the contrary. —*De Beauchêne*
- 5967 Woman would be more charming if one could fall into her arms without falling into her hands. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- 5968 The cruellest revenge of a woman is often to remain faithful to a man. —*Bossuet*
- 5969 There will always remain something to be said of woman, as long as there is one on the earth. —*De Boufflers*
- 5970 Auld Nature swears the lovely dears
Her noblest work she classes, O;
Her prentice han' she tried on man,
And then she made the lasses, O! —*Burns*
- 5971 I heard a man say that brigands demand your money or your life, whereas women require both. —*Samuel Butler*
- 5972 We censure the inconstancy of women when we are the victims; we find it charming when we are the objects. —*Desnoyers*
- 5973 Women swallow at one mouthful the lie that flatters, and drink drop by drop the truth that is bitter. —*Diderot*
- 5974 It is often woman who inspires us with the great things that she will prevent us from accomplishing. —*Dumas*
- 5975 The happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history. —*George Eliot*
- 5976 I'm not denying the women are foolish: God Almighty made 'em to match the men. —*George Eliot*
- 5977 Woman, beguiling man, herself beguiles
With hopes that all too quickly turn to fears.
She lights a conflagration with her smiles,
And vainly seeks to quench it with her tears.—*Colin D. B. Ellis*
- 5978 Women made us lose paradise, but how frequently we find it again in their arms. —*De Finod*
- 5979 Women are getting dumber as they grow smarter.—*Mary Garden*
- 5980 Whoever embarks with women embarks with a storm; but they are themselves the safety boats. —*Arsène Houssaye*
- 5981 Th' woman that tries t' keep up with th' procession don't see near as much as her husband who stands on th' curb.—*Kin Hubbard*
- 5982 Sir, nature has given woman so much power that the law cannot afford to give her more. —*Johnson*

- 5983 If men knew all that women think, they would be twenty times more audacious.
—*Alphonse Karr*
- 5984 The female of the species is more deadly than the male.—*Kipling*
- 5985 A woman's guess is much more accurate than a man's certainty.
—*Kipling*
- 5986 Even if women were immortal, they could never foresee their last lover.
—*De Lamennais*
- 5987 Whatever spiteful fools may say,
Each jealous ranting yelper,
No woman ever went astray,
Without a man to help her.
—*Lincoln*
- 5988 When a woman once begins to be ashamed of what she ought not to be ashamed of, she will not be ashamed of what she ought.
—*Titus Livius*
- 5989 What is your sex's earliest, latest care,
Your heart's supreme ambition? To be fair. —*Lord Lyttelton*
- 5990 The females of all species are most dangerous when they appear to retreat.
—*Don Marquis*
- 5991 Most beautiful of all women that are or have been, but most worthless of all that are or have been. Oh, how I wish, Catulla, that you could become less beautiful, or more chaste!—*Martial*
- 5992 A woman is a book, and often found
To prove far better in the *sheets*, than bound;
No wonder, then, some students take delight,
Above all things, to *study in the night*. —*After Martial*
- 5993 A woman is necessarily an evil, and he is a lucky man who catches her in the mildest form.
—*Menander*
- 5994 Informal's what women always say they're going to be and never are.
—*Christopher Morley*
- 5995 A woman, like a cross-eyed man, looks one way, but goes another—hence her mysteriousness.
—*Austin O'Malley*
- 5996 Those who always speak well of women do not know them enough: those who always speak ill of them do not know them at all.
—*Pigault-Lebrun*
- 5997 Men, some to business, some to pleasure take;
But every woman is at heart a rake.
—*Pope*
- 5998 'Tis true, perfection none must hope to find
In all the world, much less in womankind.
—*Pope*

- 5999 A man's "ideal woman" is usually the one whom he passes with a worshipful bow—when he is on his way to call on the other kind.
—*Rowland*
- 6000 The life of a woman can be divided into three epochs; in the first she dreams of love, in the second she experiences it, in the third she regrets it.
—*St. Prosper*
- 6001 Woman reduces us all to a common denominator.—*G. B. Shaw*
- 6002 The only way for a woman to provide for herself decently is for her to be good to some man that can afford to be good to her.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 6003 Women upset everything. When you let them into your life, you find that the woman is driving at one thing and you're driving at another.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 6004 Woman once made equal to man becomes his superior.—*Socrates*
- 6005 A wise woman never yields by appointment. It should always be an unforeseen happiness.
—*Stendhal*
- 6006 Women and birds are able to see without turning their heads, and that is indeed a necessary provision, for they are both surrounded by enemies.
—*James Stephens*
- 6007 Blonde or brunette, this rhyme applies,
Happy is he who knows them not.
—*Villon*
- 6008 If woman lost us Eden, such
As she alone restore it.
—*Whittier*
- 6009 Think how poor Mother Eve was brought
To being as God's afterthought.
—*Anna Wickham*
- 6010 Men always want to be a woman's first love. That is their clumsy vanity. We women have a more subtle instinct about things. What we like is to be a man's last romance.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 6011 I am on the side of the Trojans.
They fought for a woman.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- 6012 A woman is to be from her house three times; when she is christened, married and buried.
- 6013 A woman that loves to be at the window, is like a bunch of grapes on the highway.
- 6014 A woman is a well-served table that one sees with different eyes before and after the meal.
- 6015 The whisper of a beautiful woman can be heard further than the loudest call of duty.

- 6016 Women are apt to see chiefly the defects of a man of talent and the merits of a fool.
- 6017 Without woman the two extremes of life would be without succor, and the middle without pleasure.
- 6018 After man came woman—and she has been after him ever since.
- 6019 Women are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of man.
- 6020 When Eve brought woe to all mankind
Old Adam called her woe man,
But when she woo'd with love so kind
He then pronounced her woman.
- But now, with folly and with pride,
Their husbands' pockets trimming,
The ladies are so full of whims
That people call them w(h)imen.
- 6021 Women are seldom reluctant about giving themselves to men who consider their act a folly.
- 6022 Woman has never created anything as beautiful as she has destroyed.
- 6023 When you brag of getting the best of a woman, think of the poor woman who brags in the same way about you.
- 6024 Woman's equality to man is not a claim . . . rather a concession.
- 6025 Strategy in woman is born of expediency.
- 6026 If woman's actions are sometimes baffling, her motives are always obvious.
- 6027 Woman spoils her first lover and practically ruins all the rest.
- 6028 After a man finds out that the woman is no angel, he tries to ascertain to what extent she isn't.
- 6029 Woman has no patience with the timid though she bestows it upon the embarrassed.
- 6030 Women have no principles; they are either above or below them.
- 6031 No woman is better than two.
- 6032 The light that lies
In woman's eyes . . .
And lies, and lies, and lies.

- 6033 Whoever the woman, her final aspirations flatter man's vanity.
- 6034 Man has shown good logic in encouraging feminine instincts for they have played women stupendous tricks.
- 6035 Surely God must have been disappointed in Adam: He made Eve so different.
- 6036 Whilst Adam slept, Eve from his side arose:
Strange his first sleep should be his last repose.
- 6037 For every woman who makes a fool out of a man there is another woman who makes a man out of a fool.
- 6038 Women are like socks, you have to change them regularly.
- 6039 A woman's heart, like the moon, is always changing, but there is always a man in it.
- 6040 A woman's past is either scandalously indecent or shamefully uninteresting.

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WORDS

- 6041 All words are pegs to hang ideas on. —*H. W. Beecher*
- 6042 Words once spoken can never be recalled. —*Dillon*
- 6043 Language develops by the felicitous misapplication of words.
—*J. B. Greenough*
- 6044 Words are wise men's counters, they do but reckon by them; but they are the money of fools. —*Thomas Hobbes*
- 6045 Dictionaries are like watches; the worst is better than none, and the best cannot be expected to go quite true. —*Johnson*
- 6046 They spell it Vinci and pronounce it Vinchy; foreigners always spell better than they pronounce. —*Mark Twain*
- 6047 Many a treasure besides Ali Baba's is unlocked with a verbal key.
—*Henry Van Dyke*

- 6048 A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds.

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WORK

- 6051 The thicker the hay; the easier mowed. —*Alaric the Goth*
- 6052 One must work, if not by choice, at least by despair, since it is less
annoying to work than to be amused. —*Baudelaire*
- 6053 Tools were made, and born were hands,
Every farmer understands. —*Blake*
- 6054 Get work:
Be sure it is better than what you work to get.—*E. B. Browning*
- 6055 Such hath it been—shall be—beneath the sun
The many still must labor for the one. —*Byron*
- 6056 Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other
blessedness. —*Carlyle*
- 6057 When large numbers of men are unable to find work, unemploy-
ment results. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- 6058 Absence of occupation is not rest
A mind quite vacant is a mind distress'd. —*Cowper*
- 6059 It is better to wear out than to rust out.—*Richard Cumberland*
- 6060 Cecil's saying of Sir Walter Raleigh, "I know that he can toil
terribly," is an electric touch. —*Emerson*
- 6061 Toil, says the proverb, is the sire of fame. —*Euripides*
- 6062 Work is the meat of life, pleasure the dessert. —*B. C. Forbes*
- 6063 The fellow who isn't fired with enthusiasm is apt to be fired.
—*B. C. Forbes*
- 6064 The eye of a master will do more work than both his hands.
—*Franklin*
- 6065 You do de pullin', Sis Cow, en I'll do de gruntin'.
—*Joel Chandler Harris*
- 6066 If little labor, little are our gains;
Man's fortunes are according to his pains. —*Robert Herrick*

- 6067 The man flaps about with a bunch of feathers: the woman goes to work softly with a cloth. —*O. W. Holmes*
- 6068 A really busy person never knows how much he weighs. —*E. W. Howe*
- 6069 I would rather have a big burden and a strong back, than a weak back and a caddy to carry life's luggage. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- 6070 One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 6071 People who take pains never to do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do.—*Elbert Hubbard*
- 6072 Better to work and fail than to sleep one's life away. —*Jerome K. Jerome*
- 6073 My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it. —*Lincoln*
- 6074 The workman still is greater than his work. —*Menander*
- 6075 Executive ability is deciding quickly and getting somebody else to do the work. —*J. G. Pollard*
- 6076 Can anything be sadder than work left unfinished? Yes; work never begun. —*Christina Rossetti*
- 6077 There is a great difference between a young man looking for a situation and one looking for work. —*Leslie M. Shaw*
- 6078 A sword, a spade, and a thought should never be allowed to rust. —*James Stephens*
- 6079 Work consists of whatever a body is *obliged* to do, and Play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do. —*Mark Twain*
- 6080 Work alone will efface the footsteps of work. —*Whistler*
- 6081 Not to oversee workmen is to leave them your purse open.
- 6082 Account not that work slavery that brings in penny savory.
- 6083 A man of many trades begs his bread on Sundays.
- 6084 Better have one plough going than two cradles.
- 6085 An emmet may work its heart out, but can never make honey.
- 6086 Labor rids us of three great evils; tediousness, vice and poverty.
- 6087 None knows the weight of another's burden.

6088 It is not the burden, but the over-burden that kills the beast.

6089 One barber shaves not so close but another finds work.

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WORLD

6091 Do what you will, this world's a fiction
And is made up of contradiction. —*Blake*

6092 The whole wide ether is the eagle's way:
The whole earth is a brave man's fatherland. —*Euripides*

6093 The world is nothing but a great desire to live and a great dissatisfaction with living. —*Heraclitus*

6094 The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving. —*O. W. Holmes*

6095 The axis of the earth sticks out visibly through the center of each and every town or city. —*O. W. Holmes*

6096 The world in all doth but two nations bear,—
The good, the bad; and these mixed everywhere.
—*Andrew Marvell*

6097 The world's a book, writ by the eternal art
Of the great author; printed in man's heart,
'Tis falsely printed, though divinely penned,
And all the *errata* will appear at the end. —*Francis Quarles*

6098 It is a very good world to live in,
To lend or to spend, or to give in;
But to beg or to borrow, or to get a man's own,
It is the very worst world that ever was known.—*John Wilmot*

6099 A man seldom affects to despise the world, unless the world is regardless of him.

6100 The world is a well-furnished table,
Where guests are promiscuously set;
We all fare as well as we're able,
And scramble for what we can get.

6101 The world ought to be treated like a playful child; whose smiles should delight, whose gambols should amuse, whose tears should soften, whose anger should alarm, and whose vices should be corrected.

- 6102 Don't call the world dirty because you have forgotten to clean your glasses.
- 6103 The world's a city of crooked streets;
Death is the market-place where man meets.
If life were merchandise which men could buy,
The rich would always live, the poor alone would die.

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Wisdom

WORRY

- 6111 There are two days about which nobody should ever worry, and these are yesterday and tomorrow. —*Robert J. Burdette*
- 6112 But human bodies are sic fools,
For a' their colleges and schools,
That when nae real ills perplex them,
They mak enow themselves to vex them. —*Burns*
- 6113 Keep cool: it will be all one a hundred years hence. —*Emerson*
- 6114 I have never yet met a healthy person who worried very much about his health, or a really good person who worried much about his own soul. —*J. B. S. Haldane*
- 6115 To carry care to bed is to sleep with a pack on your back. —*Haliburton*
- 6116 Worry is interest paid on trouble before it falls due.—*Dean Inge*
- 6117 I have lost everything, and I am so poor now that I really cannot afford to let anything worry me. —*Joseph Jefferson*
- 6118 Worry, the interest paid by those who borrow trouble. —*George W. Lyon*
- 6119 Many of our cares are but a morbid way of looking at our privileges. —*Walter Scott*
- 6120 The longer we dwell on our misfortunes the greater is their power to harm us. —*Voltaire*

6121 I'll not willingly offend,
Nor be easily offended;
What's amiss I'll strive to mend,
And endure what can't be mended. —*Isaac Watts*

6122 A pound of care will not pay an ounce of debt.

6123 Too much care may be as bad as downright negligence.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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Patience

WRITERS

6131 I have very little of Mr. Blake's company; he is always in Paradise. —*Mrs. William Blake*

6132 Shakespeare was a dramatist of note;
He lived by writing things to quote. —*H. C. Bunner*

6133 They lard their lean books with the fat of others' works. —*Burton*

6134 One hates an author that's all author. —*Byron*

6135 On occasion, he (William Randolph Hearst) seems to fancy himself as chosen to be God Almighty's ghost-writer. —*Irvin S. Cobb*

6136 The Eighth Commandment was not made for bards. —*Coleridge*

6137 I have the conviction that excessive literary production is a social offence. —*George Eliot*

6138 Many contemporary authors drink more than they write. —*Gorky*

6139 Pope came off clean with Homer; but they say
Broome went before, and kindly swept the way. —*J. Henley, on Pope's Homer*

6140 I'll write, because I'll give
You critics means to live;
For should I not supply
The cause, th' effect would die. —*Robert Herrick*

6141 A bad book is as much of a labor to write as a good one; it comes as sincerely from the author's soul. —*Aldous Huxley*

6142 No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money. —*Johnson*

6143 Who casts to write a living line, must sweat. —*Jonson*

- 6144 A good many young writers make the mistake of enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope, big enough for the manuscript to come back in. This is too much of a temptation to the editor. —*Ring Lardner*
- 6145 The writers who have nothing to say are the ones you can buy; the others have too high a price. —*Walter Lippmann*
- 6146 I am that Martial known to all people by my verses of eleven feet, my hendecasyllables, and my jokes, which however are without malice. Why do you envy me? I am not better known than the horse Andraemon. —*Martial*
- 6147 He does not write at all whose poems no man reads. —*Martial*
- 6148 As your desk, Sosibianus, is full of elaborate compositions, why do you publish nothing? "My heirs," you say, "will publish my verses." When? It is time already, Sosibianus, that you should be read. —*Martial*
- 6149 You urge me, Pudens, to correct my books for you with my own hand and pen. You are far too partial and too kind thus to wish to possess my trifles in autograph. —*Martial*
- 6150 Paulus buys poems. Then Paulus recites the poems as his own, for what you buy you may fairly call your own. —*Martial*
- 6151 You pretend to consider my talent small, Gaurus, because I write poems which please by being brief. I confess that it is so; while you who write the grand wars of Priam in twelve books, are doubtless a great man. I paint the favorite of Brutus to the life. You, great artist, fashion a giant in clay. —*Martial*
- 6152 My words are commended, Aulus, by those who read them and by those who hear them read, but a certain poet declares that they are not "correct." This does not trouble me a great deal. I prefer that the dishes on my dinner-table please the guests rather than the cooks. —*Martial*
- 6153 You ask me, Avitus, how Philenus became a father, he who never did anything to gain the name? Gaditanus can tell you, he who, without writing anything, claims to be a poet. —*Martial*
- 6154 Why, simpleton, do you mix your verses with mine? What have you to do, foolish man, with writings that convict you of theft? Why do you attempt to associate oxes with lions, and make owls pass for eagles? Though you had one of Lada's legs you would not be able, blockhead, to run with the other leg of wood. —*Martial*
- 6155 You give no recitations, Mamercus, yet you wish to pass for a poet. Be what you please, provided you give no recitations. —*Martial*

- 6156 Cinna 'gainst me (so 'tis said)
Verses doth indite.
He whose lines are never read
Can't be held to write. —*Martial*
- 6157 Give us Maecenases and we shall have no lack of Virgils.
—*Martial*
- 6158 I walk you out: I see you home:
I listen, sir, to all your chatter.
Your words and deeds I praise through Rome—
D'you think it really doesn't matter?
Yet all this time I might instead
Have fashioned poems in my head. —*Martial*
- 6159 Why don't I send you my works, Pontilianus? For fear that you
might send me yours. —*Martial*
- 6160 You press me to present you with my books, Tucca. I shan't. You
want to sell them, not to read them. —*Martial*
- 6161 You write two hundred lines 'twixt each sunrise,
But never read them, silly!—yet how wise! —*Martial*
- 6162 You ask me, Quintus, for a copy of my books. I haven't one but
Tryphon the bookseller has. "Do you think I am such a fool
as to part with my money for nonsense and pay for your verses?
No," you say, "I shan't do anything so absurd." Nor will I.
—*Martial*
- 6163 The book, Fidentinus, from which you are giving a reading is
mine, but when you read it so badly, it gradually becomes your
own. —*Martial*
- 6164 You admire, Vacerra, only the poets of old, and praise only those
who are dead. Pardon me, I beseech you Vacerra, if I think
death too high a price to pay for your praise. —*Martial*
- 6165 It is rumored, Fidentinus, that you recite my epigrams in public,
just as if you had written them. I will send you a copy of my
poems for nothing, if you are willing that they should pass as
mine. If you wish them to pass as yours, buy them, so that they
will be mine no longer. —*Martial*
- 6166 You publish none of your own verses, Laelius, and you steal mine.
Stop stealing mine, or else publish your own. —*Martial*
- 6167 I suppose the writer of couplets wishes to please by his brevity,
but what, I ask, is the good of his brevity, if his couplets fill
a book? —*Martial*

- 6168 You affirm, Laberius, that you can write elegant verses: Why then are you unwilling? He who can write elegant verses should write them down, Laberius. Then I shall think him a hero. —*Martial*
- 6169 Matho is spreading the report that my work is not of uniform quality. The criticism if just, is really a recommendation of my verses. Calvinus and Umber write books of uniform quality. A bad book, Creticus, is a book of uniform quality. —*Martial*
- 6170 Tell me, Labullus, is this right?
Can any call it honor bright
That just to swell your client-crew
The books I write should be too few?
About a month has gone so fleet
I've hardly filled a single sheet.
In this the poet is the sinner
If he won't stay at home to dinner. —*Martial*
- 6171 I wonder, wall, that you have not gone smash—
You've had to bear so many scribblers' trash. —*Martial*
- 6172 He is just a big dreamer, with a good sense of double-entry book-keeping. —*Harpo Marx, of Alexander Woollcott*
- 6173 We do not write as we want to but as we can.
—*Somerset Maugham*
- 6174 When a man's talk is commonplace and his writings uncommon, it means that his talent lies in the place from which he borrows it, and not in himself. —*Montaigne*
- 6175 In my district of Gascony, it is thought a joke to see me in print. The further from my home the knowledge of me travels, the higher am I valued. —*Montaigne*
- 6176 An author departs; he does not die. —*Dinah Maria Mulock*
- 6177 The graces once made up their mind
A shrine inviolate to find:
And thus they found, and that with ease,
The soul of Aristophanes. —*Plato*
- 6178 Next o'er his books his eyes begin to roll,
In pleasing memory of all he stole. —*Pope*
- 6179 True ease in writing comes from art, not chance,
As those move easiest who have learn'd to dance. —*Pope*
- 6180 The pen is a formidable weapon, but a man can kill himself with it a great deal more easily than he can other people.
—*George Denison Prentice*

- 6181 In Hollywood the woods are full of people that learned to write,
but evidently can't read. If they could read their stuff, they'd
stop writing. —*Will Rogers*
- 6182 You write with ease to show your breeding,
But easy writing's curst hard reading. —*Sheridan*
- 6183 In composing, as a general rule, run your pen through every other
word you have written; you have no idea what vigor it will
give your style. —*Sydney Smith*
- 6184 I have been an author for 22 years and an ass for 55.
—*Mark Twain*
- 6185 Only presidents, editors and people with tapeworm have the right
to use the editorial "we." —*Mark Twain*
- 6186 As to the Adjective; when in doubt, strike it out.—*Mark Twain*
- 6187 He 'became mellow before he became ripe.
—*Alexander Woolcott, of Christopher Morley*
- 6188 Thou art so witty, wicked, and so thin,
Thou art at once the Devil, Death, and Sin.—*Young to Voltaire*
- 6189 Enthusiasts, Lutherans, and monks,
Jews, Syndics, Calvinists, and punks,
Gibbon an atheist call;
While he, unhurt, in placid mood,
To prove himself a Christian good,
Kindly forgives them all.
- 6190 Of all those arts in which the wise excel,
Nature's chief masterpiece is writing well.
- 6191 It is surprising how many receivers of stolen goods take to writ-
ing books.

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YOUTH

- 6201 Young men have a passion for regarding their elders as senile.
—*Henry Adams*

- 6202 In sorrow he learned this truth—
One may return to the place of his birth,
He cannot go back to his youth. —*John Burroughs*
- 6203 I write of youth, of love, and have access
By these to sing of cleanly wantonness. —*Catullus*
- 6204 Life is but thought; so think I will,
That youth and I are house-mates still. —*Coleridge*
- 6205 No young man believes he shall ever die. —*Hazlitt*
- 6206 Youth had been a habit of hers for so long, that she could not part
with it. —*Kipling*
- 6207 Nobody is quite so blasé and sophisticated as a boy of nineteen
who is just recovering from a baby-grand passion. —*Helen Rowland*
- 6208 Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.
—*G. B. Shaw*
- 6209 Children and fools are we to mourn the happy dead;
Come, rather let us mourn youth's fading flower instead.
—*Theognis of Onegara*
- 6210 The youth gets together his materials to build a bridge to the
moon, or, perchance, a palace or temple on the earth, and, at
length, the middle-aged man concludes to build a woodshed
with them. —*Thoreau*
- 6211 The Youth of America is their oldest tradition. It has been going
on now for three hundred years. —*Oscar Wilde*
- 6212 Man is young as long as he can repeat his emotions; woman, as
long as she can inspire them.
- 6213 The heyday of youth isn't in it with the pay day of manhood.
- 6214 To refuse to grow old is the unmistakable sign of youth.
- 6215 To him in vain the envious seasons roll,
Who bears eternal summer in his soul.

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TOASTS

YOUR HEALTH, BROTHER!

There is a certain class of epigram of so special a function as to make it seem wise to allot it a section unto itself. This is the toast, the wassail, or health. A glance at the origins of the toast would be in order.

The days of King Charles II, known to his friends and to history as The Merry Monarch, were not the most austere and sober in English annals. For then "wandered forth the sons of Belial, flown with insolence and wine," as Milton noted. Then, too, a legend has it, there were certain ladies of the court who were wont to bathe publicly in ornate settings for the delectation of their admirers, thus taking their place in that notable line of ladies beginning with Godiva and not quite ending, one hopes, with Gypsy Rose Lee. In any case, one such posed before a group of gallants who were so overcome that a courtier of outstanding initiative sprang forward with a glass to drink of the hallowed waters in which the damsel stood. Not to be outdone, a happy sot, well mellowed at the time, cried out that, though he could drink no more, he would fling himself into the beverage and have the toast. This excellent tale is related by Dr. Johnson who explains, for the unworldly, that the inspired inebriate alluded to the custom of drinking with a piece of toast at the bottom of the glass (since sup-

planted by a maraschino cherry). This is the primitive origin of the oft-heard health, "To the Ladies."

But remarks passed over the brim of the glass are of more ancient origin yet. "In the dark backward and abysm of time" men of all faiths poured out libations from their drinking bowls as an offering to their gods. When this custom had died it was replaced by the passing of, or dipping into, common bowls with an "I drink with you" or some other word of courtesy to the assembled fellowship.

The "wassail" as the convivial bowl came to be called in England, derives from the old English *waes hál* meaning "be whole" or "be of good health." This graceful practice is so congenial to men of friendly spirit that it took firm root in custom. By the 17th century, in England, it was the custom at the festive board to toast not merely those present and contributing to the entertainment, but also all the absent friends, so long as memory was retained. It is not hard to figure out a possible motive for thus extending a worthy practice.

Gathered here, under a large number of classifications, cross-referenced, is a body of representative toasts covering almost every occasion when good will and a gallant tongue might be called into play.

When you find yourself faced with the task of proposing a toast this collection should serve you well. Remember, however, that warmth is of the essence of such occasions. Do not so use any toast you may select as to 'depersonalize' it. Choose well, then, as discretion may indicate; modify or change the toast to suit the moment. The names of persons or places may easily be introduced into the toast itself or into any introductory word or two which you may use to give the toast a setting or, should it be traditional, some note of originality, or of intimacy.

If you wish to create your own toast, simon-pure and with bows to no one, you will still be aided by this volume. A sur-

vey of its pages will suggest to you the many forms and moods which the ceremony may take and will offer the raw materials for you to work with.

Refer to the Introduction to the collection of epigrams at the front of this book. The illustration of how any epigram may be varied and adapted applies equally to the toasts that follow, for it will be readily recognized that the toast is characteristically epigrammatic. The system of classification and cross-reference is likewise fully explained at the front of the book.

Above all things, remember that in proposing a toast, purely and simply, you are not making a speech. Keep 'em brief. Remember, the people are thirsty.

A

AGE

- 1 Old books, old wine, old nankin blue,
 All things, in short, to which belong
 The charm, the grace, that Time makes strong—
 All these I prize, but (*entre nous*)
 Old friends are best. —Dobson
- 2 I love everything that's old; old friends, old times, old manners, old
 books, old wine; and I believe, Dorothy, you'll own I have been
 pretty fond of an old wife. —Goldsmith
- 3 To the old, long life and treasure;
 To the young, all health and pleasure. —Jonson
- 4 Here's to the woman of thirty-and-five:
 She's as sweet as the Queen Bee throned in her hive.
 She's worth all the maidens of "bashful fifteen"
 That ever were thought of, heard of, or seen! —J. E. McCann
- 5 This lesson oft in life I sing,
 And from my grave I still shall cry,
 Drink, mortal, drink, while time is young,
 Ere death has made thee old as I. —Moore
- 6 Old wine is wholesomest, old pippins toothsomest, old wood burns
 brightest, old linen washes whitest, old soldiers' sweethearts are sur-
 est and old lovers are soundest. —John Webster
- 7 I'm growing old and older,
 Every year;
 I can see my finish clearer,
 Every year;
 Hoary hairs are growing thicker,
 Less capacity for liquor,
 And I'm growing more a kicker,
 Every year.
- 8 The good die young; here's hoping you may live to a ripe old age.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Babies

Health

Memory

Time

AMERICA

- 11 One Freeman more. America, to thee! —*Byron*
- 12 Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations **may** she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong.
—*Stephen Decatur*
- 13 I give you England and America. May there never be any dividing line but the Atlantic between them. —*Dickens*
- 14 Thou, O my country, hast thy foolish ways,
Too apt to purr at every stranger's praise,—
But if the stranger touch thy modes or laws,
Off goes the velvet, and out come the claws! —*O. W. Holmes*
- 15 Land of the forest and the rock
Of dark blue lake and mighty river,
Of mountains reared on high to mock
The storm's career and lightning's shock;
My own green land for ever. —*Longfellow*
- 16 The English speaking race—the founders of commonwealths; pioneers of progress; stubborn defenders of liberty—may they ever work together for the world's welfare. —*Charles S. Smith*
- 17 Thank God! I—I also—am an American! —*Daniel Webster*
- 18 Our country, our whole country,
And nothing but our country. —*Daniel Webster*
- 19 Hasten the day
When closer strand shall lean to strand,
When meet beneath saluting flags
The eagle of our mountain crags,
The lion of our mother-land. —*J. G. Whittier*
- 20 One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore.
- 21 The American Eagle—Who would attempt the familiarity of putting salt upon his venerable tail?
- 22 The Fourth of July—like oysters, it cannot be enjoyed without crackers.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Army
Navy

ARMY

- 31 The Army Toast—"How!"
(This toast was probably derived from the New England salutation, but by some held to be of Indian origin. The story is told that a cavalry officer, being questioned by a lady as to the significance of the word, explained the derivation as follows: "Madame, when I was at West Point, I was taught that HO with a small 2 under the 'H' is the chemical symbol for water, and every one knows that 'W' stands for whiskey.")
- 32 Sleep, soldiers! still in honored rest
Your truth and valor wearing;
The bravest are the tenderest,
The loving are the daring. —Bayard Taylor
- 33 Our Army—firm in disaster, courageous in danger, merciful in victory.
- 34 Here's to the soldier who fights and loves—may he never lack for either.
- 35 Their arms our sure defense,
Our arms their recompense.

SEE ALSO
Ladies, The 363
Wine 669

RELATED SUBJECTS
America
Hero
Navy

B

BABIES

- 41 We haven't all had the good fortune to be ladies; we have not all been generals, or poets or statesmen; but when the toast works down to the babies, we stand on common ground—for we've all been babies. —Mark Twain

RELATED SUBJECTS
Age
Mothers

BACHELOR

- 51 To the Bachelor,—who is always free!
To the Husband,—who, sometime, may be!
- 52 A pipe, a book, a fire, a friend,
A stein that's always full,
Here's to the joys of a bachelor's life,
A life that is never dull.

- 53 Here's to single blessedness!
 54 The Hoods that cover free heads:
 Bachelorhood and Widowhood.

SEE ALSO
 Wine 656

RELATED SUBJECTS
 Ladies, The
 Love
 Marriage

BEAUTY

- 61 Thou hast no faults, or I no faults can spy,
 Thou art all beauty, or all blindness I. —*Codrington*
 62 Say, why are beauties praised and honor'd most,
 The wise man's passion and the vain man's toast? —*Pope*
 63 I ne'er could any lustre see
 In eyes that would not look at me;
 I ne'er found nectar on a lip
 But where my own did hope to sip. —*Sheridan*
 64 Some take their gold in minted mold,
 And some in harps hereafter;
 But give me mine in tresses fine,
 And keep the change in laughter.
 65 If all your beauties one by one,
 I pledge, dear, I am thinking
 Before the tale were well begun
 I had been dead of drinking.
 66 You may run the whole gamut of color and shade,
 A pretty girl, however you dress her,
 Is the prettiest thing that was ever made;
 And the last one is always the prettiest.
 Bless Her!

SEE ALSO
 Ladies, The 380

RELATED SUBJECTS
 Ladies, The
 Love
 Marriage

BLESSING

- 71 Here's to us all—God bless us every one. —*Dickens*
 72 A flock of blessings light upon thy head. —*Shakespeare*
 73 The grace of Heaven,
 Before, behind thee, and on every hand,
 Enwheel thee round! —*Shakespeare*
 74 God's benison go with you; and with those
 That would make good of bad, and friends of foes. —*Shakespeare*

75 Blessings be about you, dear, wherever you may go.

76 Toast? God bless you!
I have none to give.

SEE ALSO

Bachelor 53

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Fortune

Good Luck

Health

Joy

Prosperity

BUSINESS

81 Trade: may it have freedom to range the world.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Fortune

Money

Prosperity

C

CHARACTER

91 You have deserved
High commendation, true applause, and love. —*Shakespeare*

92 Here's to you as good as you are,
And here's to me as bad as I am;
And as bad as I am, and as good as you are,
I'm as good as you are, as bad as I am.

93 May our spirits be like the lark; our principles like the oak.

94 May our eyes be no keener when we look upon the faults of others
than when we survey our own.

95 Here's to the man who can smile through his tears,
And laugh in the midst of a sigh,
Who can mingle his youth with advancing years,
And be happy to live or to die.

96 May our imagination never run away with our judgment.

SEE ALSO

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Courtesy

Education

Hero

CHRISTMAS

- 101 I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time; a kind, forgiving, generous, pleasant time; a time when men and women seem by one consent to open their hearts freely; and so I say "God bless Christmas."
—*Dickens*
- 102 Come bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys,
The Christmas log to the firing,
While my good dame, she
Bids ye all to be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring.
—*Herrick*
- 103 Welcome be ye that are here,
Welcome all, and make good cheer,
Welcome all, another year.
Welcome Yule.
- 104 I wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year,
A pocket full of money,
And a cellar full of beer!
- 105 May the cold of Christmas be forgotten in the comfort of its cheer.
- 106 May all hearts be merry at Christmas, even when all hands are cold.
- 107 Now thrice welcome Christmas
Which brings us good cheer,
Minced pies and plum porridge.
- 108 Here's to the day of good will, cold weather and warm hearts.

RELATED SUBJECT
New Year

COURTESY

- 111 Here's to Courtesy. It is the oil of controversy. It keeps gentlemen who disagree from punching each other.
—*Creswell MacLaughlin*
- 112 To the most perfect gentlemen I ever saw: He turned his back on me—while I poured myself a drink from his own decanter.

RELATED SUBJECTS
Character
Friendship
Thanks
Welcome

D

DRINK

- 121 Fill up the goblet and reach me some,
Drinking makes wise, but dry fasting makes glum.—*Wm. R. Alger*
- 122 Which is the properest day to drink—
Saturday, Sunday, Monday?
Each is the properest day, I think,
Why should I name but one day? —*Arne*
- 123 Fill up the bowl, upon my soul,
Your troubles you'll forget, sir,
If it takes more, fill twenty score,
Till you have drowned regret, sir. —*Alfred Breun*
- 124 We are na fou, we're that fou,
But just a drappie in our ee;
The cock may crawl, the day may daw,
But ay we'll taste the barley bree. —*Burns*
- 125 Freedom and whiskey gang thegither!
Tak aff your dram! —*Burns*
- 126 And fill them high with generous juice,
As generous as your mind,
And pledge me in the generous toast—
The whole of human kind! —*Burns*
- 127 Inspiring bold John Barleycorn,
What dangers thou canst make us scorn! —*Burns*
- 128 Fill the goblet again! for I never before
Felt the glow which now gladdens my heart to its core.
Let us drink!—who would not?
Since through life's varied round,
In the goblet alone no deception is found. —*Byron*
- 129 The thirsty earth soaks up the rain,
And drinks, and gapes for drink again;
The plants suck in the earth, and are,
With constant drinking, fresh and fair.
The sea itself, which one would think,
Should have but little need to drink,
Drinks twice ten thousand rivers up,
So fill'd that they o'erflow the cup.

The busy sun (and one would guess
 By his drinking fiery face no less)
 Drinks up the sea, and when he's done
 The moon and stars drink up the sun;
 They drink and dance by their own light,
 They drink and revel all the night.
 Nothing in nature is sober found,
 But an eternal health goes round.
 Fill up the bowl then; fill it high!
 Fill all the glasses there, for why
 Should every creature drink but I?
 Thou man of morals tell me why!

—Cowley

- 130 A toast to the fellow
 Who when he drinks deep
 Gets royally mellow
 And then falls asleep.
 But not to the varlet
 Who as he grows tight,
 Turns noisy and scarlet
 And starts in to fight.

—W. E. S. Fales

- 131 Drink to-day, and drown all sorrow;
 You shall perhaps not do't tomorrow.

—John Fletcher

- 132 I take mine "straight without sugar," and that's what's the matter
 with me.

—Bret Harte

- 133 Some say three fingers, some say two;—
 I leave the choice to you.

—John Hay

- 134 We'll drink tonight with hearts as light
 To loves as gay and fleeting
 As bubbles that swim on the beaker's brim,
 And break on the lips while meeting.—Charles Fenno Hoffman

- 135 Then fill a fair and honest cup, and bear it straight to me;
 The goblet hallows all it holds, what e'er the liquid be,
 And may the cherubs on its face, protect me from the sin
 That dooms me to those dreadful words, "My dear, where have
 you been?"

—O. W. Holmes

- 136 A small glass, and thirsty!
 Be sure never ask it:
 Man might as well serve up
 His soup in a basket.

—Leigh Hunt

- 137 Were't the last drop in the well,
 As I gasp'd upon the brink,
 Ere my fainting spirit fell
 'Tis to thee that I would drink.

—Leigh Hunt

- 138 There's many a toast I'd like to say,
If I could only think it;
So fill your glass to anything,
And, thank the Lord, I'll drink it! —Wallace Irwin
- 139 I used to know a clever toast,
But pshaw! I cannot think it—
So fill your glass to Anything
And, bless your souls, I'll drink it. —Wallace Irwin
- 140 As for the brandy, "Nothing extenuate";
And the water, "Put naught in in malice." —Douglas Jerrold
- 141 I know thou lovest a brimming measure,
And art a kindly, cordial host;
But let me fill and drink at pleasure—
Thus I enjoy the goblet most. Moore
- 142 Drink! for you know not whence you come, nor why:
Drink, for you know not why you go, nor where.—Omar Khayyam
- 143 Fill, till the cup be hid. —Shakespeare
- 144 Fill the cup and let it come,
I'll pledge you a mile to the bottom. —Shakespeare
- 145 Come, I will go drink with you. —Shakespeare
- 146 At the punch-bowl's brink
Let the thirsty think
What they say in Japan:
"First the man takes a drink,
Then the drink takes a drink,
Then the drink takes the man!" —E. R. Sill
- 147 If on my theme I rightly think,
There are five reasons why I drink,—
Good wine, a friend, because I'm dry,
Or lest I should be by and by,
Or any other reason why. —John Sirmond
- 148 I cannot eat but little meat,
My stomach is not good;
But sure I think that I can drink
With him that wears a hood. —Bishop Still
- 149 Rum, rum, Jamaica rum,
Who in thy praise is dumb?
The rich, the poor, the gay, the glum,
All call thee good, Jamaica Rum. —Sir Arthur Sullivan
- 150 May the beam in the glass never destroy the ray in the mind.
- 151 May the bloom of the face never extend to the nose.

- 152 May the wassail bowl never be the burial-place of our reason.
- 153 May we see so far before we commence drinking as to prevent our
being blind when we are finished.
- 154 At all your feasts, remember too,
When cups are sparkling to the brim
That there is one who drinks to you,
And oh! as warmly drink to him.
- 155 Here is a riddle most abstruse:
Canst read the answer right?
Why is it that my tongue grows loose
Only when I grow tight?
- 156 Here's may we never drink worse.
- 157 Honor, love, fame, wealth may desert us, but thirst is eternal.
- 158 A jolly Wassail Bowl,
A Wassail of good ale,
Well fare the butler's soul,
That setteth this to sale.
- 159 Here's to good old ale. Drink it down.
- 160 Drink rum, drink rum,
Drink rum, by Gum, with me;
For I don't give a damn
For any damn man
That won't take a drink with me.
- 161 Let's fill "the precious porcelain of human clay" with this good
drink.
- 162 Here's to good old Whiskey
So amber and so clear,
'Tis not so sweet as woman's lips
But a d----d sight more sincere.
- 163 Let us drink, let us drink to the W's three,
To the great spike-team that's a team indeed:
There's the off-wheeler Wine, and Wit in the lead
And the near-horse, the dear-horse, the fragrant Weed.
- 164 Let love and wine their rights maintain,
And their united pleasures reign.
When Bacchus' treasures crown the board,
We'll drink to the joys his wealth affords;
And they who won't with us comply
Down among the dead men let them lie,
Down! Down! Down! Down!
Down among the dead men let them lie.

165 May your dream never be better than the drink!

166 One bottle for four of us!
Thank God there's no more of us!

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Food

Health

Inns

Merriment

Water

Wine

E

EDUCATION

171 Here's to Education. You can lead a man to college, but you cannot make him think. —*Creswell MacLaughlin*

172 Here's to the clever;
May they be with us ever.

173 May good heads be preferred to fine heads.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Character

Work

F

FARMER

181 May God speed the plough and reward the men who drive it.

182 May they who raise the wheat be well rewarded by plenty.

SEE ALSO

Good Luck 252

RELATED SUBJECTS

Food

Work

FOOD

191 May our feast days be many and our fast days be few!

—*Mary L. Booth*

192 Some hae meat, and canna eat;
Some can eat, and want it;
But we hae meat and we can eat,
So let the Lord be thankit.

—*Burns*

- 193 All human history attests
That happiness for man—the hungry sinner!
Since Eve ate apples, much depends on dinner. —*Byron*
- 194 A toast to us, my good round friends,
To bless the things we eat;
For it has been full many a year
Since we have seen our feet.
Yet who would lose a precious pound
By trading sweets for sour?
It takes a mighty girth indeed
To hold such hearts as ours! —*Wallace Irwin*
- 195 Now, good digestion wait on appetite,
And health on both! —*Shakespeare*
- 196 Serenely full, the epicure would say,
Fate cannot harm me, I have dined today. —*Sydney Smith*
- 197 Salt your food with humor, pepper it with wit and sprinkle over
it the charm of good fellowship. Never poison it with the cares
of life.
- 198 Here's to beefsteak when you're hungry—
Whiskey when you're dry,
All the girls you ever want,
And heaven when you die.
- 199 To Full Stomachs and Merry Hearts.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
Drink
Farmer
Inns

FORTUNE

- 201 Let not fortune e'er thy mistress,
Let not sorrow e'er thy maid be. —*Bodenstedt*
- 202 Here's to Miss Fortune—may we always Miss her.
Here's to Dame Fortune—may we meet and kiss her. —*J. E. McCann*
- 203 Now the fair goddess, Fortune,
Fall deep in love with thee. —*Shakespeare*
- 204 I wish all good befortune you! —*Shakespeare*
- 205 To our good fortune and the disappointment of the gods!

- 206 May Dame Fortune ever smile on you
But never her daughter—Miss Fortune.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Blessing
Business
Good Luck
Money
Prosperity

FRIENDSHIP

- 211 The poor dog, in life the firmest friend,
The first to welcome, foremost to defend. —*Byron*
- 212 May the wing of friendship never moult a feather. —*Dickens*
- 213 Friendship, peculiar book of heaven,
The noble mind's delight and pride,
To men and angels only given,
To all the lower world denied. —*Johnson*
- 214 I have eaten your bread and salt,
I have drunk your water and wine;
The deaths ye died I have watched beside,
And the lives ye lived were mine. —*Kipling*
- 215 Here's to us that are here, to you that are there, and the rest of
us everywhere. —*Kipling*
- 216 Come, once more, a bumper!—then drink as you please,
Tho' who could fill half-way to toasts such as these?
Here's our next joyous meeting—and, oh, when we meet,
May our wine be as bright and our union as sweet! —*Moore*
- 217 A glass is good, and a lass is good,
And a pipe to smoke in cold weather;
The world is good, and the people are good,
And we're all good fellows together. —*John O'Keefe*
- 218 May the hinges of friendship never rust, or the wings of love lose
a feather. —*Scotch Toast*
- 219 Let's drink together friendly, and embrace. —*Shakespeare*
- 220 And liquor likewise will I give to thee,
And friendship shall combine, and brotherhood. —*Shakespeare*
- 221 Good friends, go in and taste some wine with me;
And we like friends will straightway go together. —*Shakespeare*
- 222 Come, gentlemen, I hope we shall drink down all unkindness.
—*Shakespeare*

- 223 Here's to Fraternity! With all the world conveys of want relieved,
Of friendship, help and sympathy, both given and received.
Comrades to all the world, we stand, as men full oft have stood,
But pledge, instead of King or State, the Bond of Brotherhood.
—*Bina M. West*
- 224 Think of me as your friend, I pray,
For else my life is little worth:
So shall your memory light my way,
Although we meet no more on earth. —*William Winter*
- 225 Friendship's the wine of life.
Let's drink of it and to it.
- 226 Here's to the friends we class as old,
And here's to those we class as new;
May the new grow to us old,
And the old ne'er grow to us new.
- 227 May friendship, like wine, improve as time advances.
- 228 May we never want a friend or a glass to give him.
- 229 May friendship propose the toast, and sincerity drink it.
- 230 May our meetings never be saddened by the prospect of parting.
- 231 Here's tow'ds yer an' tew yer!
'F I never had met yer
I'd never hev knewed yer.
- 232 Although out of sight, we recognize them with our glasses.
- 233 Here's to the four hinges of friendship—Lying, Stealing, Swearing, and Gambling. When you lie, lie in a good cause; when you steal, steal away from bad company; when you swear, swear by your country; and when you gamble, gamble on your own future;—and when you drink, drink with me.
- 234 Here's champagne to our real friends, and real pain to our sham friends.
- 235 Here's to you: there's no one like you, and no one likes you better than I.
- 236 Here's to us! Any like us?
'Deed, few, thank God!
- 237 Then here's to thee, old friend; and long
May thou and I thus meet,
To brighten still with wine and song
This short life ere it fleet.
- 238 This glass we fill to the many gone
And the few that are left us yet.

- 239 A little health, a little wealth,
A little house and freedom,
With some few friends for certain ends,
But little cause to need 'em.
- 240 Now we've met like jovial fellows
Let us do as wise men tell us—
Sing old Rose and burn the bellows
When the Bowl with Claret flows.
- 241 Then comes the wild weather,
Come sleet or come snow;
We will stand by each other
However it blow.
- 242 May the devil cut the toes of all our foes,
That we may know them by their limping.
- 243 May we ever be able to serve a friend and noble enough to conceal it.

SEE ALSO
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RELATED SUBJECTS
Courtesy
Love
Welcome

G

GOOD LUCK

- 251 May bad luck follow you all the days of your life—and never overtake you.
- 252 Good luck to the hoof and the horn!
Good luck to the flock and the fleece!
Good luck to the growers of corn!
With blessings of plenty and peace!
- 253 Here's to ourselves
And wishing all
The wish they wish themselves!
- 254 Here's a toast to all who are here,
No matter where you're from;
May the best day you have seen
Be worse than your worst to come.

RELATED SUBJECTS
Blessing
Fortune
Prosperity

H

HAPPINESS

- 261 May each year be happier than the last, and not the meanest of our
brethren or sisterhood debarred their rightful share in what our
Great Creator formed them to enjoy. —*Dickens*
- 262 Fair thought and happy hours attend on you. —*Shakespeare*
- 263 The best of happiness, honor and fortunes keep with you.
—*Shakespeare*
- 264 Each day still better others' happiness,
Until the heavens, enjoying earth's good hap,
Add an immortal title to your crown! —*Shakespeare*
- 265 Happy are we met, happy have we been,
Happy may we part, and happy meet again.
- 266 May the sunlight on the face never be a mask to conceal the sadness
of the heart.
- 267 May the smile on the face be but a reflection of the feeling of the
heart.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Blessing

Health

Joy

Merriment

HEALTH

- 271 Son of Latona! Hear my vow;
Apollo, grant my prayer:
Health to enjoy the blessings sent
From heaven; a mind unclouded, strong;
A cheerful heart; a wise content;
An honored age; and song. —*Horace*
- 272 Well, here's your good health and your families', and may they
live long and prosper. —*Joseph Jefferson*
- 273 Unto our doctors let us drink,
Who cure our chills and ills,
No matter what we really think
About their bills and pills. —*Philip McAllister*
- 274 A health, gentlemen,
Let it go round. —*Shakespeare*

- 275 I wish thee health,
 I wish thee wealth,
 I wish thee gold in store,
 I wish thee heaven upon earth—
 What could I wish thee more?
- 276 Here's to your health—a long life and an aisy death to you.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
 Blessing
 Drink
 Life
 Worry

HEART

- 281 Here's a sign to those who love me,
 And a smile to those who hate,
 And whatever sky's above me,
 Here's a heart for any fate. —Byron
- 282 Here's to the heart that fills as the bottle empties.
- 283 May woman's charm be dependent on neither eyes, hair nor complexion, but on heart.
- 284 A good steed, a good stag, a high scent, a strong pack, and a stout heart.

SEE ALSO
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RELATED SUBJECTS
 Friendship
 Hero
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HELL

- 291 Here's to Hell! May we have as good a time there as we had getting there.

RELATED SUBJECTS
 Happiness
 Life
 Sorrow

HERO

- 301 The Highlandman's bauld, the Highlandman's free,
 His arm is strong and his heart is true:—
 What gives the Highlandman courage and glee?
 What but the drops of his mountain dew. —T. Campbell
- 302 May mankind never cease to produce heroes.
- 303 May courage ever be united with humanity.

- 304 May the favor of the fair ensure firmness in fight.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Army

Heart

Navy

HOME

- 311 A neat, snug study on a winter's night,
A book, friend, single lady, or a glass
Of claret, sandwich, and an appetite,
Are things which make an English evening pass. —*Byron*
- 312 May we never look from home to find that which may be gained
at home.
- 313 May the experience of the wanderer endear to him more firmly his
native home.

SEE ALSO

Ladies, The 359

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Babies

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I

INNS

- 321 If ever I marry a wife,
I'll marry a landlord's daughter,
And sit in the bar all day,
And drink cold brandy and water. —*Lamb*
- 322 In an honest tavern let me die,
Before my lips a brimmer lie,
And angel choirs come down and cry,
"Peace to thy soul, my jolly boy." —*Walter de Mapes*

SEE ALSO

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Food

Home

Sleep

J

JOY

- 331 May the joys of to-day be those of to-morrow,
The goblets of Life hold no dregs of sorrow. —*Estelle Foreman*

- 332 Then fill the cup, fill high! fill high!
 Let joy our goblets crown;
 We'll bung Misfortune's scowling eye,
 And knock Foreboding down. —*Lowell*
- 333 I wish you all the joy you can wish. —*Shakespeare*
- 334 Joy, gentle friends, joy! and fresh days of love
 Accompany your hearts. —*Shakespeare*
- 335 Come, love and health to all;
 Then I'll sit down. Give me some wine, fill full,
 I drink to the general joy o' the whole table. —*Shakespeare*
- 336 To make the coming hour o'erflow with joy,
 And pleasure drown the brim. —*Shakespeare*
- 337 Where is the heart that would not give
 Years of drowsy days and nights,
 One little hour like this to live—
 Full to the brim of life's delights?
- 338 Not the laurel—but the race
 Not the quarry—but the chase
 Not the dice—but the play
 May I, Lord, enjoy away!
- 339 May our hearts be light and our joys be quite independent of a
 heavy purse.

SEE ALSO
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RELATED SUBJECTS
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KISS

- 341 May we kiss whom we please and please whom we kiss.
- 342 Yesterday's yesterday while today's here,
 Today is today till tomorrow appear,
 Tomorrow's tomorrow until today's past,
 And kisses are kisses as long as they last.
- 343 Here's to the girl who's bound to win
 Her share at least of blisses,
 Who knows enough not to go in
 When it is raining kisses.

- 344 Here's to the lasses we've loved, lad ;
 Here's to the lips we've pressed ;
 For kisses and lasses, like liquor in glasses,
 The last is always the best.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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THE LADIES

- 351 Auld Nature swears the lovely dears
 Her noblest work she classes, O ;
 Her 'prentice han' she tried on man,
 And then she made the lasses, O! —*Burns*
- 352 Whoe'er she be—
 That not impossible she,
 That shall command my heart and me. —*Richard Crashaw*
- 353 So let us all ; yes, by the love which all our lives rejoices,
 By those dear eyes that speak to us with love's seraphim voices,
 By those dear arms that will unfold us when we sleep forever,
 By those dear lips that kiss the lips that may give answer never,
 By memories lurkin' in our hearts an' all our eyes be-dimmin',
 We'll drink a health to those we love an' who love us—the
 wimmin! —*Eugene Field*
- 354 Here's to the woman who has a smile for every joy, a tear for
 every sorrow, a consolation for every grief, an excuse for every
 fault, a prayer for every misfortune, an encouragement for every
 hope. —*Sainte Foix*
- 355 Here's to Woman ; the salt of the earth since Lot's time.
 —*Henry Haskins*
- 356 O Jupiter, should I speak ill
 Of woman-kind, first die I will ;
 Since that I know, 'mong all the rest
 Of creatures, woman is the best. —*Robert Herrick*
- 357 Here's to the poor old Maid :
 May she know in heaven the bliss
 She missed here, because afraid
 To be awakened with a kiss. —*J. E. McCann*
- 358 To Ladies' eyes around, boys—
 We can't refuse, we can't refuse—
 Tho' bright eyes so abound, boys,
 It's hard to choose, it's hard to choose. —*Moore*

- 359 Then remember whenever your goblet is crowned,
To the eastward, or westward, wherever you roam,
Whenever the health of dear woman goes 'round,
Remember the smiles that adorn her at home. —*Moore*
- 360 Sweethearts and wives—may they never meet. —*Navy Toast*
- 361 Here's to our sweethearts and wives,
God bless 'em;
May our sweethearts soon be our wives, and our wives ever our
sweethearts. —*Navy Toast*
- 362 Be to her virtues very kind;
Be to her faults a little blind. —*Matthew Prior*
- 363 Here's to the girl behind the man behind the gun.
—*Admiral Schley*
- 364 O woman! in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,
And variable as the shade
By the light quivering aspen made;
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou! —*Scott*
- 365 She is mine own,
And I as rich in having such a jewel
As twenty seas, if all their sands were pearl,
The water nectar and the rocks pure gold. —*Shakespeare*
- 366 Here's to the maiden of bashful fifteen;
Here's to the widow of fifty;
Here's to the flaunting extravagant queen,
And here's to the housewife that's thrifty.
Let the toast pass—
Drink to the lass,
I'll warrant she'll prove an excuse for the glass.
Here's to the charmer whose dimples we prize;
Now to the maid who has none, sir;
Here's to the girl with a pair of blue eyes,
And here's to the nymph with but one, sir.
Here's to the maid with a bosom of snow;
Now to her that's as brown as a berry;
Here's to the wife with a face full of woe,
And now to the damsel that's merry.
For let 'em be clumsy, or let 'em be slim,
Young or ancient, I care not a feather;
So fill a pint bumper quite up to the brim,
So fill up your glasses, nay, fill to the brim,
And let us e'en toast them together. —*Sheridan*

- 367 She is pretty to walk with,
And witty to talk with,
And pleasant, too, to think on. —*Sir John Suckling*
- 368 A perfect woman, nobly plann'd,
To warn, to comfort, and to command;
And yet a spirit still and bright,
With something of an angel light. —*Wordsworth*
- 369 Let the lass be good even if the glass is filled badly.
- 370 May we seek the society of women, but never chase her pleasure
away.
- 371 May buoyant spirits never allow the ladies to forget their sex.
- 372 May our women resemble fairies in their spirits—never in their
inconstancy.
- 373 May woman's trust ensure man's truth.
- 374 Here's to you, my dear,
And to the dear that's not here, my dear;
But if the dear that's not here, my dear,
Were here, my dear,
I'd not be drinking to you, my dear.
- 375 A bumper to womankind, clumsy or thin,
Young or ancient—it weighs not a feather;
So fill a pint bumper—nay, fill to the brim,
And let's toast 'em, e'en all together.
- 376 Here's to woman—once our superior, now our equal.
- 377 The Ladies—God bless 'em,
And may nothing distress 'em.
- 378 Here's to woman present and past,
Here's to those to come hereafter;
But if one comes here after us
We'll have no cause for laughter.
- 379 Here's to the girls of the American shore,
I love but one, I love no more;
Since she's not here to drink her part,
I drink her share with all my heart.
- 380 Here's to the beautiful, the cruel, the accomplished and the false—
the cause of all that's worst in man—To Woman—Damn her!
- 381 Drink, drink, drink!
Drink to the girl of your heart;
The wisest, the wittiest, the bravest, the prettiest,
May you never be far apart.

- 382 Drink to life and the passing show,
And the eyes of the prettiest girl you know.
- 383 Here's to the gladness of her gladness when she's glad,
Here's to the sadness of her sadness when she's sad;
But the gladness of her gladness,
And the sadness of her sadness,
Are not in it with the madness of her madness when she's mad.
- 384 Here's to her who halves our sorrows and doubles our joys.
- 385 She needs no eulogy—she speaks for herself.
- 386 Woman! Experience might have told me,
That all must love thee who behold thee.
- 387 The first woman—who, if legend be true, was only a side-issue.
- 388 Here's to Woman—"The fairest work of the Great Author. The
edition is large, and no man should be without a copy."
- 389 To the Ladies:
Our arms your defence.
Your arms our recompense.
Fall in!
- 390 Here's to everything, because there's sure to be a woman at the
bottom of it.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Bachelor

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Love

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LAW AND LAWYERS

- 391 The first thing we do let's kill all the lawyers. —*Shakespeare*
- 392 A bumper of good liquor
Will end a contest quicker
Than justice, judge or vicar;
So fill a cheerful glass,
And let good humor pass. —*Sheridan*
- 393 The law: It has honored us; may we honor it.—*Daniel Webster*
- 394 Let us drink to what Milton calls—
"Litigious terms, fat contentions, and flowing fees."
- 395 May the depth of our potations never cause us to let judgment go
by default.

- 396 Our standing toast—the man that makes his own will.
- 397 This is not necessarily a “brief” toast—the Law! Its best Judges are men of great trials and many convictions. It is proper to drink “to the Lawyer’s success, either here or before the bar!”
- 398 Here’s to the earliest case of ejectment cited in the marine reports:—*In re Jonah*.
- 399 Here’s to the earliest reported case of ejectment:—*In re Adam et ux*.
- 400 May Bacchus always be found to keep company with Solon.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Business

Money

LIFE

- 401 Here’s that you may live a hundred happy years,
And I may live a hundred less one day;
For I don’t care to live any longer
When all you good fellows have passed away. —*Richard Carle*
- 402 If this life that we live be a dreaming
(As pessimist people are thinking)
To induce pleasant dreams there is nothing, meseems,
Like this sweet prescription
That baffles description—
This drinking,
and drinking,
and drinking. —*Eugene Field*
- 403 Here’s to Life: entered with a protest—endured on compulsion—
and left with a sigh. —*J. E. McCann*
- 404 While you live,
Drink!—for, once dead, you shall never return.—*Omar Khayyam*
- 405 May he live
Longer than I have time to tell his years!
Ever belov’d, and loving. —*Shakespeare*
- 406 May you live all the days of your life. —*Swift*
- 407 Who well lives, long lives; for this age of ours
Should not be numbered by years, days and hours.
- 408 Here’s to a long life and a merry one,
A quick death and a happy one,
A good girl and a pretty one,
A cold bottle and another one.

- 409 May the bumper of life be filled, but not with follies.
 410 Long live life, say I—and good fellowship for the future.
 411 May you live as long as you like, and have all you like as long as
 you live.
 412 May your sowl be in glory three weeks before the devil knows
 you're dead.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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 Hell
 Sorrow
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 World

LOVE

- 421 To those who love us second fill;
 But not to those whom we love:
 Lest we love those who love not us!
 A third—"to thee and me, Love!" —Burns
- 422 Drink ye to her that each loves best!
 And if you nurse a flame
 That's told but to her mutual breast,
 We will not ask her name. —Thomas Campbell
- 423 O lady, there be many things
 That seem right fair, below, above;
 But sure not one among them all
 Is half so sweet as love. —O. W. Holmes
- 424 And let the Loving-Cup go round,
 The cup with blessed memories crowned,
 That flows whene'er we meet—my boys.
 No draught will hold a drop of sin,
 If love is only well stirred in
 To keep it sound and sweet—my boys,
 To keep it sound and sweet. —O. W. Holmes
- 425 Love me little, love me long. —Marlowe
- 426 Let those love now who never loved before,
 Let those who always loved now love the more. —Parnell
- 427 As for the women, though we scorn and flout 'em,
 We may live with, but cannot live without 'em. —F. Reynolds
- 428 Here's to love and unity,
 Dark corners and opportunity!

- 429 Here's to tears of affection,
May they crystallize as they fall,
And become pearls, so in after years
To be worn in memory of those whom we have loved.
- 430 May the warmth of our affections survive the frosts of age.
- 431 Let us drink to the thought that where'er a man roves
He is sure to find something blissful and dear,
And that when he is far from the lips that he loves,
He can always make love to the lips that are near.
- 432 The first ship the world ever knew—courtship.
- 433 Fill, fill, fill a brimming glass
Each man toast his favorite lass,
He who flinches is an ass,
Unworthy love or wine.
- 434 I have known many,
Liked a few,
Loved one—
Here's to you.
- 435 Here's to the girl that I love,
And here's to the girl that loves me,
And here's to all those that love her that I love,
And to those that love her that loves me.
- 436 Here's lovers two to the maiden true
And four to the maid caressing;
But the wayward girl with the lips that curl—
Keeps twenty lovers guessing.
- 437 Here's to the Chaperone,
May she learn from Cupid
Just enough blindness
To be sweetly stupid.
- 438 Here's to one and only one,
And may that one be he
Who loves but one and only one,
And may that one be me.
- 439 Love to one, Friendship to a few, and Good-Will to all.
- 440 Here's to love—the only fire against which there is no insurance.
- 441 Here's to those who love us,
Here's to those whom we love,
For those whom we love,
May not love us.

- 442 To woman's love—to man's it's not akin,
For her heart is a home while his heart is an inn.
- 443 Here's a health to all them that we love,
And a health to all those that love us,
And a health to all those that love them that we love,
And to them that love those that love us.
- 444 Here's to those who love us,
And here's to those who don't.
A smile for those who are willing to,
And a tear for those who won't.
- 445 Here's to Love, a thing divine,
Description makes it but the less;
'Tis what we feel but can't define,
'Tis what we know but can't express.
- 446 May those now love,
Who've never loved before.
May those who've loved,
Now love the more.
- 447 Here's to the rose and here's to my heart;
They died on the self-same day.
Here's to the woman that owned them both,
And tossed them both away.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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MAN

- 451 And fill them high with generous juice,
As generous as your mind,
And pledge me in the generous toast—
The whole of human kind! —*Robert Burns*
- 452 O wonder!
How many goodly creatures are there here!
How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world,
That has such people in it. —*Shakespeare*

SEE ALSO

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Life

Ladies, The

Marriage

MARRIAGE

- 461 Here's to matrimony, the high sea for which no compass has yet
been invented. —*Heine*
- 462 " 'Tis better to have loved and lost,"
Than to marry and be bossed. —*J. E. McCann*
- 463 Hail wedded love, mysterious law, true source of human happiness.
—*Milton*
- 464 Drink, my jolly lads; drink with discerning;
Wedlock's a lane where there is no turning;
Never was owl more blind than a lover,
Drink and be merry, lads, half seas over. —*D. M. Mulock*
- 465 Ah, happy is he, crowned with such life,
Who drinks the wife pledging the sweetheart,
And toasts in the sweetheart the wife. —*Daniel O'Connell*
- 466 Men dying make their wills—but wives
Escape a work so sad;
Why should they make what all their lives
The gentle dames have had? —*J. G. Saxe*
- 467 Health, happiness and harmony to every state in the Union—
especially the married state.
- 468 When we go home late, may we find our wives where Cain found
his—in the land of Nod.
- 469 Here's to bride and mother-in-law,
Here's to groom and father-in-law,
Here's to sister and brother-in-law,
Here's to friends and friends-in-law,
May none of them need an attorney-at-law.
- 470 Here's to ye absent Lords, may they
Long in a foreign Countree stay;
Drinking at other ladies' boards
The health of other absent Lords.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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MEMORY

- 471 Then fill the bowl—away with care,
Our joys shall always last—
For hope shall lighten days to come
And memory gild the past.

—*Moore*

- 472 I drink it as the fates ordain it,
Come fill it, and have done with rhymes;
Fill up the lonely glass and drain it
In memory of dear old times. —*Thackeray*
- 473 May the recollections of youth soften the ruggedness of manhood.
- 474 May we never sigh after past pleasures, or mourn after past pains.
- 475 To our brothers across the ocean,
To the days of long ago,
To the tale we bring,
To the song we sing,
And the friends that we used to know.

SEE ALSO
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RELATED SUBJECTS
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MERRIMENT

- 481 Frame your mind to mirth and merriment,
Which bars a thousand harms and lengthens life. —*Shakespeare*
- 482 With mirth and laughter, let old wrinkles come,
And let my liver, rather heat with wine,
Than my heart cool with mortifying gloom. —*Shakespeare*
- 483 Come fill a bumper, fill it round,
May mirth, and wine and wit abound,
In them alone true wisdom lies—
For to be merry's to be wise.
- 484 Light hearts and light heels, merry tunes and a good piper.
- 485 Give the toast, my good fellow; be jovial and gay,
And let the brisk moments pass jocund away!
- 486 Laugh at all things,
Great and small things,
Sick or well at sea or shore;
While we're quaffing
Let's have laughing—
Who the devil cares for more.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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MONEY

- 491 Here's to man, he can afford anything he can get. Here's to woman,
she can afford anything she can get a man to get for her.

—George Ade

- 492 May the last shilling soon have a successor.

- 493 May he who parts with his last shilling to relieve distress never
know what it is to want it.

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RELATED SUBJECTS

Business

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MOTHERS

- 501 Here's to Mothers; the guide-posts to Heaven.

—Meusa

- 502 Here's long life to the mother-in-law,
With all her freaks and capers,
For without our "dear old ma,"
What would become of comic papers?

RELATED SUBJECTS

Babies

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Marriage

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NAVY

- 511 The Navy Toast—"Glad to see you aboard."
- 512 May our sailors be constant as the needle and true as the compass.
- 513 A stout ship, a clear sea, and a far-off coast in stormy weather.
- 514 The wind that blows, the ship that goes, and the lass that loves a
sailor.
- 515 The American Navy—May it ever sail on a sea of glory, be wafted
by the winds of prosperity, guided by the compass of justice, and
anchor in the harbor of victory.
- 516 Here's to the ships of our navy,
Here's to the ladies of our land,
May the former be well rigged,
And the latter be well manned.
- 517 Good ships, fair winds and brave seamen.

- 518 Did you ever hear of Captain Wattle?
He was all for love and a little for the bottle.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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Water

NEW YEAR

- 521 The New Year is ringing in,
May he be bringing in
The Good Times we've waited for so long in vain!
Without the demanding,
All rise and drink standing,
And so say we all of us again and again.

SEE ALSO
Christmas 104

RELATED SUBJECTS
Christmas
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PRESS

- 531 The Press—right or wrong; when right to be kept right; when
wrong to be set right. —*Samuel D. Babcock*
- 532 Here's to the Press, the Pulpit and the Petticoat, the three ruling
powers of the day.
The first spreads knowledge, the second spreads morals, and the
third spreads considerably.
- 533 The Press—The "tongue" of the country; may it never be cut out.
- 534 The Newspaper—May it fight like an army in the defence of
right with strong *columns* and good *leaders*.
- 535 The Pen—May it ever be a sword to pierce wrong and falsehood
to the heart.
- 536 The Press—where it is free, the people are free. Where it is fet-
tered, they are slaves.

RELATED SUBJECT
Education

PROSPERITY

- 541 Fair be all thy hopes,
And prosperous be thy life, in peace and war. —*Shakespeare*
- 542 When you go up the hill of Prosperity
May you never meet any friend coming down.

- 543 May you be hung, drawn and quartered—
Hung in the halls of prosperity,
Drawn by a chariot and four,
And quartered in the arms of one you love best.
- 544 Here's to the two great American birds! May you always have one
on your table and the other in your pocket—the turkey and the
eagle.
- 545 Lots of beef, oceans of beer, a pretty girl and a thousand a year.
- 546 May you have a head to earn and a heart to spend.
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SLEEP

- 551 Within this goblet, rich and deep,
I cradle all my woes to sleep. —Moore
- 552 May our slumbers be as light as fairsteps and our conscience light
as our sleep.

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SONG

- 561 Now, then, the songs; but, first, more wine.
The gods be with you, friends of mine! —Eugene Field
- 562 Drink you all right heartily,
Make good cheer and be right merry,
And sing with us now joyfully.

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	Wine

SORROW

- 571 Fill full! why this is as it should be: here
Is my true realm, amidst bright eyes and faces,
Happy as fair! Here sorrow cannot reach. —Byron

- 572 The cares of the day, old moralists say,
Are quite enough to perplex one;
Then drive to-day's sorrow away till to-morrow,
And then put it off till the next one. —*Dickens*
- 573 Tears, though they're here below the sinner's brine,
Above they are the angels' spiced wine. —*Robert Herrick*
- 574 Drink, luckless lover! Thy heart's fiery rape
Bacchus, who gives oblivion, shall assuage;
Drink deep; and while thou drain'st the brimming bowl,
Drive love's dark anguish from thy fevered soul. —*Meleager*
- 575 Hang Sorrow! Care will kill a cat—and therefore let's be merry.
—*George Wither*
- 576 May woman's tears, like April showers, be succeeded by sunshine.
- 577 May the Spring-time of life never be visited by the Winter of
despair.
- 578 May we ever be able to part with our troubles to advantage.

SEE ALSO

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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SPEECHES

- 581 Here's to your man that says nothing—he is an unknown quantity.
But your man that says too much is a quantity not worth know-
ing. —*Creswell MacLaughlin*
- 582 We like a speech to be like a woman's dress: long enough to take
in the principal part, yet short enough to make it interesting.

SEE ALSO

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RELATED SUBJECTS

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THANKS

- 591 Here's a health to you and yours who have done such things for us
and ours; and when we and ours have it in our powers to do for
you and yours what you and yours have done for us and ours,
then we and ours *will* do for you and yours what you and yours
have done for us and ours.

- 592 Here's to the day when first the Yankees acknowledged Heaven's
good gifts with Thank'ees.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Blessing

Good Luck

Song

THEATRE

- 601 Here's to the Critic: who is blind to only his own shortcomings.
—*J. E. McCann*
- 602 "The play's the thing:" Here's to it and all good players.
- 603 The Actor—A paradox who plays when he works and works when
he plays.
- 604 Here's to the Actor, friendliest of men!
Who "takes the part" of others now and then,
And if with a comrade he gets in a rage
He's sure to "make up" ere he seeks the stage!

RELATED SUBJECTS

Merriment

Song

Speeches

TIME

- 611 Quick, quick, now, I'll give you, since Time's glass will run
Even faster than ours doth, three bumpers in one;
Here's to the poet who sings—here's to the warrior who fights—
Here's to the statesman who speaks, in the cause of men's rights.
—*Moore*
- 612 I drink to the days that are. —*William Morris*
- 613 Come, fill the Cup, and in the fire of Spring
Your Winter-garment of Repentance fling;
The Bird of Time has but a little way,
To flutter—and the Bird is on the wing. —*Omar Khayyam*
- 614 And if the wine you drink, the lips you press,
Ends in what all begins and ends in—yes,
Think then you are to-day, what yesterday
You were, to-morrow you shall not be less. —*Omar Khayyam*
- 615 The season of the rose is brief, make haste to pluck your posies;
Another day you'll chance to find bare thorns where bloomed the
roses. —*Speculum Amantis*
- 616 That time flies fast the poet sings;
Then surely it is wise
In rosy wine to dip his wings,
And seize him as he flies.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
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Memory

TOBACCO

- 621 Divine in hookahs, glorious in a pipe,
When tipp'd with amber, mellow, rich and ripe;
Like other charmers, wooing the caress
More dazzlingly when daring in full dress;
Yet thy true lovers more admire by far
Thy naked beauties—Give me a cigar! —Byron
- 622 For thy sake, Tobacco, I
Would do anything but die,
And but seek to extend my days
Long enough to sing thy praise. (—Lamb
- 623 To thee, blest weed, whose sovereign wiles
O'er cankered care bring radiant smiles,
Best gift of Love to mortals given!
At once the bud and bliss of Heaven!
Crownless are kings uncrowned by thee;
Content the serf in thy sweet liberty,
O charm of life! O foe to misery!

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Drink

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WATER

- 631 Here's to old Adam's crystal ale,
Clear, sparkling and divine,
Fair H₂O, long may you flow,
We drink your health (in wine). —Oliver Herford
- 632 Here's to this water,
Wishing it were wine,
Here's to you, my darling,
Wishing you were mine.

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Navy
Wine

WELCOME

- 641 Come in the evening, or come in the morning—
 Come when you're looked for, come without warning;
 A thousand welcomes you'll find here before you!
 And the oftener you come the more I'll adore you! —*Irish Toast*
- 642 Salutation and greeting to you all. —*Shakespeare*
- 643 Good company, good wine, good welcome, make good people.
 —*Shakespeare*
- 644 You are welcome, my fair guests; that noble lady,
 Or gentleman, that is not freely merry,
 Is not my friend: This to confirm my welcome:
 And to you all good health. —*Shakespeare*
- 645 I thank you for your welcome which was cordial,
 And your cordial, which is welcome.
- 646 By the bread and salt, by the water and wine,
 Thou'art welcome, friend, at this board of mine.

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 Courtesy
 Friendship
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WINE

- 651 Here's a bumper of wine; fill thine, fill mine:—
 Here's a health to old Noah, who planted the vine!
 —*R. H. Barham*
- 652 Where once my wit, perchance, hath shone,
 In aid of others let me shine;
 And when, alas! our brains are gone
 What nobler substitute than wine? —*Byron*
- 653 'Tis pity wine should be so deleterious,
 For tea and coffee leave us much more serious. —*Byron*
- 654 Bacchus, assist us to sing thy great glory,
 Chief of the Gods, we exult in thy story;
 Wine's first Projector, Mankind's Protector,
 Patron to toper, how we adore thee. —*Corelli*
- 655 To her who weareth a hundred rings!
 Ah, who is this fine lady?
 The Vine, boys, the Vine!
 The mother of the mighty Wine.
 A roamer is she
 O'er wall and tree
 And sometimes very good company. —*Cornwall*

- 656 Pass me the wine. To those that keep
The bachelor's secluded sleep
Peaceful, inviolate and deep
I pour libation. —*Dobson*
- 657 Come friends, come let us drink again,
This liquid from the nectar vine,
For water makes you dumb and stupid,
Learn this from the fishes—
They cannot sing, nor laugh, nor drink
This beaker full of sparkling wine. —*Dutch Song*
- 658 Now, then, the songs; but, first, more wine.
The gods be with you, friends of mine! —*Eugene Field*
- 659 When Father Time swings round his scythe,
Intomb me 'neath the bounteous vine,
So that its juices red and blythe,
May cheer these thirsty bones of mine. —*Eugene Field*
- 660 Come, Thaliarchus, now dispel the cold,
Spare not the faggots, make a roaring fire,
Bring out the jar of Sabine four-year-old,
Let plenteous draughts of wine good cheer inspire. —*Horace*
- 661 Here's to mine and here's to thine!
Now's the time to clink it!
Here's a flagon of old wine,
And here we are to drink it. —*Richard Hovey*
- 662 Say why did Time,
His glass sublime
Fill up with sands unsightly,
When wine he knew,
Runs brisker through,
And sparkles far more brightly. —*Moore*
- 663 Come, send round the wine, and leave points of belief
To simpleton sages, and reasoning fools. —*Moore*
- 664 The Grape that can with Logic absolute
The Two-and-Seventy jarring Sects confute. —*Omar Khayyam*
- 665 Why, be this juice the growth of God, who dare
Blasphe me the twisted tendril as a Snare?
A Blessing, we should use it, should we not?
And if a Curse—why, then, Who set it there? —*Omar Khayyam*

- 666 Mingle with the friendly bowl,
The feast of reason and the flow of soul. —*Pope*
- 667 Come thou monarch of the vine,
Plumpy Bacchus with pink eyne;
In thy vats our cares be drown'd;
With thy grapes our hairs be crown'd;
Cup us till the world go round,
Cup us till the world go round. —*Shakespeare*
- 668 The wine-cup is the little well
Where truth, if truth there be, doth ever dwell—
Death too is there—and death who would not seek?
And love, that in itself, is heaven or hell. —*Shakespeare*
- 669 Some wine, ho!
And let me the canakin clink, clink;
And let me the canakin clink:
A soldier's a man,
A life's but a span;
Why then, let a soldier drink. —*Shakespeare*
- 670 Come, let's all take hands;
Till that the conquering wine hath steep'd our sense
In soft and delicate Lethe. —*Shakespeare*
- 671 Come, come, good wine
Is a good familiar creature,
If it be well used; exclaim no more against it. —*Shakespeare*
- 672 Fire proves the treasures of the mine,
The soul of man is proved by wine. —*Theognis*
- 673 Here's to champagne, the drink divine,
That makes us forget our troubles;
It's made of a dollar's worth of wine
And three dollars' worth of bubbles.
- 674 May our wine brighten the mind and strengthen the resolution.
- 675 May our wine add wings to Old Time, but not make us insensible
to his flight.
- 676 May the juice of the grape enliven each soul,
And good humor preside at the head of each bowl.
- 677 If the nymph have no compassion,
Vain it is to sigh or groan;
Love was but put in for fashion,
Wine will do the work alone.

- 678 Come, fill up your glasses, and join in the chant,
 For no pleasure's like drinking good wine, you must grant;
 Then let this be our toast, may we never repine,
 May we ne'er want a friend or a good glass of wine.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
 Drink
 Health
 Merriment
 Song
 Water

WORK

- 681 The old word swink
 Means work, I think;
 It rhymes exceeding well with chink;
 Then here's to "swink,"
 That we may clink
 The wherewithal a while to drink. —*Alfred Brenn*
- 682 May those who exert the industry of the bee, be like him, laden
 with riches.

SEE ALSO
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RELATED SUBJECTS
 Business
 Money
 Prosperity
 Worry

WORLD

- 691 This world that we're a livin' in
 Is mighty hard to beat;
 You get a thorn with ev'ry rose,
 But ain't the roses sweet! —*Frank L. Stanton*
- 692 We came into this world naked and bare,
 We go through this world full of sorrow and care;
 We go out of this world we know not where,
 But if we're good fellows here we'll be thoroughbreds there.
- 693 'Tis not so bad a world
 As some would like to make it;
 But whether good or whether bad,
 Depends on how you take it.

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RELATED SUBJECTS
 Age
 Hell
 Time

WORRY

- 701 Fill the bumper fair;
Every drop we sprinkle
O'er the brow of care
Smoothes away a wrinkle.

—*Moore*

- 702 May this be our maxim where'er we are twirl'd,
"A fig for the cares of this whirl-a-gig world."

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